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ANNO XXVII.

HENRICI VIII.

ACTES MADE IN THE session of this present parlyament holden vpon prorogation at Westm̄, the. IIII. day of February, in the. XXVII. yere of the reygne of our moste drad souerayngne lorde kynge HENRY the. VIII. and there contynued and kepte tyll the. XIIII. day of Apryll next ensuynge. To the honour of God, and for the common weale and profyte of this realme.

THO. BERTHELET EXCVDEBAT. CVM PRIVILEGIO.

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¶ An acte for counterfaytynge of the ſygne, ſygnet, or priuie ſeale of our ſouerayne lorde the kynge, to be from henſeforth taken and adiudged hyghe treaſon. Ca. ii.

FOr as moch as by the lawes of this realme ſmal puniſhment hath ben hitherto prouyded for forgynge and counterfaitnge of the kynges ſigne manuell, or priuie ſignet, By reaſon wherof diuers lyght & euyl diſpoſed perſones now of late haue taken the more boldnes & courage to cōmitte ſuche offences, to the great audacitie and boldenes of ſuche lyke offenders. For remedy wherof, be it enacted by auctoritie of this preſent parlyament, that if any perſone or perſones at any tyme hereafter falſely forge and counterfaite the kynges ſigne manuel, priuy ſygnet, or priuie ſeale, that then euery ſuche offence ſhalbe demed and adiudged hyghe treaſon, and the offenders therin, their counſaylors procurours aydours and abettours, being conuict of any ſuche offence according to the lawes of this realme, ſhall be demed & adiuged traytours againſt the kynge and the realme, and ſhall ſuffre and haue ſuche paynes of death, forfayture of londes goodes and cattal, and alſo loſe the priuilege of all ſayntuaries, as in caſes of hyghe treaſon it is ordeyned.

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¶ An acte takynge away exactions taken by the Mayre, and comynaltie of the towne of Hulle. Capitulo iii.

WHere vpon complaynt made in this present parlyament by the kynges poore subiectes, and namely the poore fyshermen, inhabittinge vppon the costes of the See, within the counties of Norff. and Suff. whiche vse cõmenly to conducte and conuey their hearynge sprottes and other fyshe to the towne of kyngston vpon Hulle, there to be vttered and solde to other the kynges subiectes, wyllynge to bye the same: It doth euydently and playnely appere, that suche greate and intollerable exactions, customes, and tolles be demaunded leuyed and taken of them for theyr sayde hearynge and other fyshe, by the rulers and officers of the sayd towne, that onles som spedy remedy be for them prouided in that behalfe, a great noumbre of them shall be driuen of necessitie to absent themselfes from their sayde market of olde tyme continewed and holden at the sayde towne, where most cõmonly afore tyme a great nombre of the kynges subiectes, and namely of the northe parties of this realme, haue vsed to prouyde theym selfe of their hearynge and fysshe: whiche fynallye shall be not onely the vtter impouerishing and vndoynge of the sayde poore fyshermen inhabytynge within the sayde counties of Norff. and Suff. but also a great incũbrance to al suche the kynges subiectes of the sayd northe parties, as afore tyme cõmonly haue vsed to prouide theyr hearynge and fisshe at the sayde towne, for the mayntenance of theyr householde. For the spedy reformation wherof, be it enacted by auctorite of this present parlyament, that the mayre of the sayd towne of kyngston vppon Hull, and his successours, & all other officers and ministers of and within the same towne, shall frome henseforthe permytte and suffre all thinhabitantes of the sayde counties of Norf. and Suf. or from any other places thither repayringe with vitayle, at all tymes for euermore betwne the feaste of all sayntes and Thannunciation of our Lady, lyberally and freely without interruption or impediment to conducte and brynge theyr sayde hearynges and other fyshe to the sayde towne, and there to vtter and sel the same as wel by water as by lande, by retaile or in grosse, to whom so euer and whan so euer within the same time before expressed, they or any of them shall thinke moste expedient for their owne profyte and commodytie, without any maner of tolle custome, impositiõ, or other exaction or charge to be demanded, leuyed, or taken of the seller or byer of the same by the said mayre, or any other officer or mynister of or within the sayd towne or port of the same, for the sayd hearing or other fisshe, or for the shyppes or other vessaylles, wherin the same hearyng or fisshe, shal so be brought or conducted, except onely suche somes of money, as hereafter ensueth, that is to say, of euery shyppe thyther repayrynge with hearynges or other fysshe, as is aforesayde, beinge of the burden of .xx. tunne, or vnder and not aboue, fyue shyllynges: And of euerye shyppe thyther repayringe

with hearynges or other fysshe, beinge aboue the full burthen of. xx. tunne, sixe shyllynges. viii. d. and not aboue. And that the sayd mayre, and al other officers and mynisters of or within the sayd towne and liberties of the same, for the tyme beinge, shall from henceforthe welle and fauourably order and intreate the sayd inhabytauntes of Hul. and Hork. and all other as is afore sayde, repayrynge to the sayd towne with hearynge fysshe or other vytayles as is before expressed, without any extreme or vnlauful serchynge viewyng or settynge of vnreasonable prices of the sayde hearinge fysshe or other vytayles: And without frustrate or wylful delay or tractyng of tyme in the said viewynge serchynge or settynge of the same prices, or any other maner of fatigation or wrongfull veration: but shal order vse and intreate the same inhabytauntes discretely and charitably in euery behalfe as they ought to be. And in case the sayde mayre for the tyme beinge, or any other officer or minister of or within the sayde towne or lybertie of the same, do hereafter for any cause before expressed, exacte, leuye, or take of any of the sayde inhabytauntes, or any other the kynges subiectes, any more or greatter somes than is before mentioned, or do in any maner of wyse offende hereafter in any other article or poynt conteyned in this present acte, contrary to the true meayng tenour and effecte of the same, that then vpon complaynte therof made by the party greued in that behalfe, vnto the lorde Chauncellour of Englande, lorde Treasourer, lorde presydent, and other the lordes of the kynges moost honorable counsayle, for the tyme beinge, it shall or mayr appere to them, or to. iii. of theym at the leaste, wherof the sayde lorde chauncellour to be one, that the sayde mayre other officer or minister of or within the sayde towne or lyberties of the same, hath so offended in any article or point before expressed, contrary to the fourme and effecte of this present acte, and so adiudged and decreed by the sayde lordes, or by three of theym at the leaste, wherof the sayde lorde Chauncellour to be one, that then the sayde mayre officer or other minister so offendyng, shal lose and forfayte for euery such offence. xx. li. wherof the one halfe to be to our sayde soueraigne lorde the kynge and his heyres, and thother halfe to the sayd partie greued that shal or wil sue for the same by action of dette byl playnt or informacion in any of the kynges courtes, wherin no wager of lawe essoyne or protection shal be allowed: And the same sute to be taken commenced and tried within any shire of this realme, at the pleasure of hym that shal pursewe the same, any forayne plee or other matter to the contrary therof in any wyse not withstandynge.

Prouyded that no maner person or persons, other than suche as ben free burgesys of the sayde towne of Hulle, shall at any tyme hereafter, by auctorytie of this acte, sell within the same towne any fysshe or hearynge in small and lyttel noumbres and peces by retayle, but may and shall selle saltefysshe haberden or stockefisshe by the hundred halfe hundred quartern or halfquarterne of any of them, and whyte hearyng by the barell, halfebarel, or by fyrkyn at the least, and redde hearyng and sprottes by the rade, this acte or anythynge therin expressed to the contrary not withstandynge.

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¶ An acte declarynge the order and punyshement of pyrates and robbers on the see. cap. iiii.

Where pyrottes, theues, robbers, and murtherers vppon the see many tymes escape vnpunished, bycause the tryal of their offences hath heretofore be ordered before the admyral or his lieutenant or commissary after the course of the ciuile lawes, the nature wherof is, that before any iugement of deathe can be gyuen agaynste the offenders, eyther they muste playnely confesse theyr offences (whiche they wyll neuer doo without torture, or paynes) or elles theyr offences be so playnly and directly proued by witnesses indifferent, suche as sawe their offences commytted, whiche can not be goten but by chaunce at fewe tymes, bycause such offenders committe their offences vppon the see, and at many tymes murder and kyll suche persons beinge in the shyppe or bote where they commytte theyr offences, whiche shuld bere witnesse ayenst them in that behalfe: and also suche as shulde beare wytnes be commenly mariners and shypmen, whiche for the most parte can not be gotten ne had alwayes redy to testefie suche offences, bycause of their often viages and passages in the sees without long tarieng & protraction of time, and greatte costes and charges as well of the kynges hyghnes as of suche as wolde pursue suche offenders. For reformation wherof be it enacted, by auctoritie of this present parlyament, that al suche offences done in or vpon the see, or in any other hauen riuer or creke, where the admyrall or admirals pretende to haue iurisdiction, shalbe enquered tried herde and determyned in suche shires & places in the realme, as shalbe lymitted by the kynges commission to be directed for the same, in lyke forme and condition as if suche offences had bene done vppon the lande. And that suche commissions shall be had vnder the kynges greatte seale, directed to the lorde admyrall or admiralles, or to his or their lieutenaunt deputye or deputies, and to three or foure suche other substanciall persones as shal be named by the lorde Chancellour for the tyme beinge, as often as nede shall require, to here and determine suche offences after the comon course of the lawes of the lande, vsed for felonyes done and committed within the realme.

¶ And be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that suche persons, to whom suche commissions shalbe directed, or. iii. of them at the leaste, shall haue full power and auctoritie to enquire of suche offences by the othes of. xii. good and lawfull men inhabyted in the shiere lymitted in their commission, in suche lyke maner and fourme, as if suche offences had be committed vpon the land within the same shyre: and that euery inditement founde and presented before such cōmissioners of any felonies robberies murders or man slaughters done vpon the sees, or in or vpon any other hauen ryuer or creke, shalbe good and effectuall in the lawe. And if any persone or personnes happen to be indited for any suche offence, done or hereafter to be done vpon the sees, or

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in any other places aboue limitted: that then ſuche order proces iudgement and execution ſhall be vſed hadde done and made to and agaynſte euery ſuche perſon and perſones ſo beinge indited, as agaynſte felons and murderers for murder or felony done vpon the lande, as by the lawes of the realme is accuſtomed. And that the tryall of ſuche offence, if hit be denyed by the offenders ſhall be had by twelue men inhabyted in the ſhire lymitted within ſuche commyſſion, whiche ſhalbe directed as is aforeſayd, and no challenge to be hadde for the hundred. And ſuche as ſhall be conuicte of any ſuche offence by verdicte confeſſion or proces, by auctorite of any ſuche commyſſion, ſhall haue and ſuffre ſuche paynes of deathe, loſſes of londes goodes and catteles, as if they hadde bene conuycte of any felonyes or murders doone vppon the landes.

¶ And be it enacted by auctoritie aforeſayde, that for robberies felonies and murders done vpon the ſees, or in any other places aboue reherſed, the offenders ſhall not be admytted to haue the benefite of their clergy, but vtterly excluded therof, and alſo of the priuilege of any ſayntuary.

¶ Prouyded alway that this acte extende not to be preiudiciall or hurtefull to any perſon or perſons for takynge any vytayle, gables, ropes, ankers, or Sayles, whiche any ſuche perſon or perſons compelled by neceſſitie taketh of or in any other ſhyppe, whiche may conuenientelye ſpare the ſame: So that the ſame perſon or perſonnes pay out of hande for the ſame vitayle, gables, ropes, ankers, or ſayles, money or money worthe to the value of the thynge ſo taken, or delyuer for the ſame a ſufficiente bylle obligatorye, to be payd in fourme folowynge, that is to ſaye, if the takynge of the ſame thynges be on this ſyde the ſtraytes of Marrok, than to be payed within. iiii. monethes: And if it be beyonde the ſayde ſtraytes of Marrok, than to be payed within. xii. monethes nexte enſuinge the makinge of ſuche billes: And that the makers of ſuche bylles well and truely paye the ſame dette at the daye to be limitted within the ſayde bylles.

¶ Prouyded alway that whan ſo euer any ſuche commiſſion for the puniſhment of the offences aforeſayde, ſhall be directed or ſente to any place within the iuriſdiction of the fyue portes, that then euery ſuche commyſſion ſhalbe directed vnto the lorde warden of the ſame portes for the tyme beinge, or to his deputie, and vnto three or foure ſuche other perſonne or perſonnes, as the lorde Chancellour for the tyme beynge, ſhall name and appoynte: any thynge in this preſente acte to the contrarye therof in any wyſe not withſtandynge.

¶ Prouided alſo, that whan ſo euer any commyſſion ſhall be directed into the fyue portes, for the inquiſition and trialles of any the offences expreſſed in this act: that euery ſuche inquiſition and tryal to be had by vertue of ſuche commiſſion, ſhalbe made and had by the inhabytauntes in the ſayde fiue portes, or the membres of the ſame: any thynge in this acte to the contrarye therof not withſtandynge.

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¶ An acte for makinge Justices of peace in Chester and wales. Capitulo. v.

The kynges hyghnes consideryngе the manyfolde robberies murders theftes trespasses riottes routes embraceries maintenaunces oppressions ruptures of his peace, and manye other malfaites, whiche ben dayly practised perpetrated commytted and done within his counties & countie palantines of Chester & Flynt shere in wales, adioyning to the sayd countie of Chester, & also in his coũties of Anglice, otherwyse called Anglesiey, Kayerneruan, & Mereoneth within his principalitie of Northwales: And also in his coũties of Cardigan, Kayermerthẽ, Pembroke, & Glamorgã in south wales, by reason that commen iustice hath not ben indifferentely ministred there, lyke and in such fourme as it is in other places of this his realme: By reason wherof the said murders, robberies, theftes, trespaces, and brekyng of the peace haue remayned vnpunished, to the great animation of euyll doers in the same counties. For redresse and amputation wherof, and to the intent that one order of ministring of his lawes shulde be had obserued & vsed in the same, as in other places of this realme of Englande is had and vsed: It is ordeyned and enacted by the kynge our soueraygne lorde, and the lordes spirituall and temporal, and the commons in this present parlyamente assembled, and by thauctoritie of the same, that the lorde Chauncellour of Englande, or the lorde keper of the greatte seale for the tyme beinge, frome tyme to tyme and at al tymes shal haue ful power and auctoritie by his discretion, to nominate and appoynt Justicers of peace, Justicers of the Quorum, and iusticers of Gaole delyuery in the sayd counties of Chester, Flynt, Anglesiey, Kayerneruan, Merreoneth, Cardigan, Kayermerthen, Pembroke, and Glamorgan, by commyssion vnder the kynges greatte seale, whiche shall haue full power and auctoritie to enquire here and determyne all maner thynge and thynges enquirable presentable or determinable before iusticers of peace, iusticers of Quorum, and iusticers of goale delyuery in other shires of this realme of Englande, by force or vertue of any statute or statutes, made and to be made, or by the course of the common lawes of this realme. And that the sayd Justicers of peace, Justicers of Quorum, & Justicers of gaole delyuery, so to be named & appoynted by the sayde lorde Chancellour, or lord keper of the great seale, & euery of them, shal haue lyke power and auctoritie within the sayd counties of Chester, Flynt, Anglesey, Kayerneruan, Mereoneth, Cardigan, Kayermerthen, Pembroke, and Glamorgan, to doo vse and execute euery thynge and thynges, as other iusticers of peace, Quorum, and gaole delyuerye, haue within any other of the shieres of this ralme of Englande: And also shall be sworne astricted and oblyged to the kepynge of theyr sessions of the peace, and to the due execution of all and syngular statutes and ordinaunces made and to be made, in lyke maner and fourme, and vnder lyke peynes and penalties, as Justy-

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cers of peace, Quorum, and Gaole delyuery, in other shires of this realme of Englande ben and shall be bounden and obliged, any acte, statute, prescription, vsage, custome, lybertie, or priuilege hadde made accustomed or vsed to the contrary not withstandynge.

¶ And it is further enacted by thauctoritie aforesayde, that the extreates of the issues fines and amerciamentes, taxed sette lost or forfayted by or before suche Justicers of peace, Quorum, and gaole delyuery, in the sayd counties of Chester and Flynt, shalbe retourned and certified into the eschequier of Chester, before the kynges Chaumberlayne there. And that the extretes of the issues fines and amerciamentes, taxed sette lost or forfayted, by or before the Justicers of peace, Quorum, and gaole delyuery, in the sayde counties of Anglesey, Kayerneruan, and Merreoneth, and euery of them shall be returned and certified into the kynges eschequire at Kayerneruan, to and before the kynges Chamberlayne of Northwales. And that the extreates of the issues fines and amerciamentes, taxed, sette, loste or forfayted by or before the iusticers of peace, Quorum, and gaole delyuerye in the sayde counties of Kayermerthen, and Cardigan, and euery of them, shal be retourned and certified into the kynges eschequier at Kayermerden to and before the kynges chaumberlayne of southewales. And that the extreates of the issues fynes and amerciamentes, taxed sette loste or forfayted by or before the iusticers of peace, Quorum, and gaole delyuery, in the countie of Pembroke, shalbe retourned and certified into the kynges eschequire at Pembroke. And that the extreates of the issues fines and amerciamentes taxed sette lost or forfayted by or before the Justicers of peace, Quorum, and gaole delyuery in the sayde countie of Glamorgan, shall be retourned and certified into the kynges eschequire at Kayerdiff. And that the sayde extreates of the sayd issues fines & amerciamentes, certified & retourned into euery of the forsaid eschequiers, shall be indented in suche lyke maner and fourme, as is vsed in the kynges eschequier at westmyster. And that the sayde Justicers of peace and Quorum or gaole deliuerye, in euery of the sayde shieres, shall directe suche lyke processe by extreates indented, with the extreates certified into the sayd eschequiers, to the shyreffe of euery of the sayd counties, for the leuieng and gatherynge of the sayde issues fines and amerciamentes in suche lyke maner and fourme as is vsed by the Justicers of peace, quorum, and gaole delyuerye in euery other of the shieres within this realme of Englande. And that euery sheriffe of euery of the sayde shieres shall make theyr accomptes in euery of the said eschequiers of and for the sayd issues fines & amerciamẽtes vpon the extretes to them directed in maner and forme, as is vsed in the the kynges eschequire of westminster.

¶ And it is also enacted by the auctoritie afore sayde, that the sayde Justycers of peace, and clerkes of the peace within the sayde counties of Chester, Flynt, Anglesey, Kayerneruan, Mereoneth, Cardigan, Kayrmerthen, Pembroke, and Glamorgan, and euery of them shal be payed and allowed of the sayde issues fines and amerciamentes suche lyke fees profites and commodities

dities as other iusticers of peace and clerkes of the peace in other shires of this realme, haue and ought to haue.

¶ And it is farther enacted by auctoritie afore sayde, that the shiriffe or his deputie and all other his ministers, in all and euery of the sayde shires, and al coroners, highe constables, petty constables, and other officers within euery of the sayde shires shalbe obliged and bounden to be as well attendaunt vnto the sayde iusticers of peace, Quorum, and Gaole delyuery, in all and euery thynge and thynges concernynge their auctorities, as in executynge and retournyng of all preceptes and processis to them directed by any of the sayd Justiciers, in lyke maner and fourme, and vnder lyke paynes and penalties as all and euery sheriffes, coroners, and other officers, be and shall be bounden and obliged by any statute or comon lawe in other shires of this realme of Englande: any acte statute prescription vsage custome libertie or priuilege, had accustomed or vsed to the contrary not withstandinge.

¶ An acte for encrease and brede of good horses. Ca. vi.

THe kynge our soueraygne lorde continually studyeng for the aduauncement augmentation and increase of the publyke weale of this his realme, callyng to his most gracious memory the great decay of the generatiō & bredyng of good & swyfte and stronge horses, whiche here to fore haue benne bredde in this realme, to the greatte defence profyte and common commoditie of the same: And nowe remembryng, that lyke brede of horses is fore diminished and decayed, the occasion wherof is thoughte to procede for that that in manye and mooste places of this realme commonlye lyttelle horses and nagges of smalle statute and value be suffred to depasture and also to conour maares and kelys of very smalle stature, by reason wherof the brede of good and stronge horses of this realme is nowe lately diminished altered and decayed, and farther is lyke to decay, if spedy remedy be not ꝑ soner prouyded in that behalfe. The kynges highnes willig therfore to prouyde remedy in that behalfe, by the aduyse of the lordes spirituall and temporal, and the commons in this present parlyament assembled and by thauctoritie of the same, hath ordeyned enacted and established, that euery person and personnes, as well spirituall as temporall, of what estate degree or condition so euer he or they be, which at this present time, or at any tyme here after shall haue any parke or grounde enclosed with hedge dyche walle or pale, wherein any dere is, or hereafter shall be vsually kepte for game, contenynge the quantitie of one myle in compas, and is or shall be seised therof in fee symple fee taple or for terme of lyfe, in possession to his or their owne profitte and behofe, that euery suche owner of euery such parke and grounde, beinge in his owne hande: and euery fermer of euerye suche parke or grounde, beinge letten to ferme, from the fyrste daye of May, that shalbe in the yere of our lorde god. M.D. XXXVII. shal kepe for euery such

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parke or grounde, beinge enclosed as is afore sayde, as longe as the same parke or grounde enclosed shall be vsed and kepte with deere in the same for games, two maares beinge not spayed, apte and able to beare foles, eche of them of the altitude or height of .xiii. handefulles at the leaste, to be measured from the lowest parte of the houe of the fote vnto the hyghest parte of the shulder, and euery handefull to conteyne foure inches of the standarde, vppon peyne of forfayture of .xl.s. for euery monethe lackynge the sayde maares contrary to this act. And that euery suche owner or fermer of parke or grounde, wherof the compas is foure myles and aboue, vpon peyne afore expressed, shall kepe for euery suche parke foure maares beinge not spayed apte and able to beare foles, of the altitude or heighte of .xiii. handefulles at the leaste, to be measured as is afore sayde.

¶ Prouided, that if it shal happen any of the sayde maares by mischance or casualtie for to dye, that then the lorde owner or owners of the sayde maares prouyding or brenge others of lyke heyght and altitude, as is before ymmitted, within thre monethes nexte after the death of the same maares, shall not incurre the daunger & penaltie of this estatute, any thynge before rehersed to the contrary not withstandinge.

¶ And it is also enacted by auctorite aforesayde, that the lorde owners and fermers of all parkes and groundes inclosed as is aboue rehersed, ymparted and appoynted by this acte to kepe mares, shal not at any tyme after the sayde fyrste daye of May, whiche shall be in the yere of our lorde god. M. D. XXXVII. wyllyngely suffre any of the sayd maares to be conoyed and kepte with any stoned horse, vnder the stature of foure tene handefulles, to be measured in fourme afore rehersed, vppon payne of forfayture of .xl.s. The moytie of all whiche forfaytures shalbe to the kynge our souerayngne lorde: And the other moytie therof to the partie that wylle sue for the same in any courte of our sayde souerayngne lorde the kynge, by action dylle playnte or informacion or other wise, in whiche action or sute the defendaunt shall not be admitted to wage his lawe, nor any essoien or protection shall be vnto the defendant allowed in that behalfe.

¶ PROVIDED ALVVAY, that this acte extende not to charge the lorde owner or owners of any parke or grounde, inclosed within the counties of Westmerlande, Cumberlande, Northumberlande, and the bysshoprieche of Durham, nor any of them to kepe any mares for any parke or parkes, grounde or groundes enclosed, as is afore sayde, lyenge in the saide counties of Westmerlande, Cumberlande, Northumberlande, and the bisshoprycche of Durham, other wyse thanne they haue or myghte haue doone before the makynge of this acte: Nor also shall extende to charge the lordes owner or owners of any parke or parkes or groundes enclosed, with the fynding of any mares, tharbage of whiche parke or parkes, is common to the tenauntes and inhabytauntes of the townesshyppes nexte adioynynge to the same parke or parkes, any thynge in this present acte made to the contrarye here of not withstandynge.

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Prouyded also, that euery spirituall persone and personnes, charged and chargeable by this acte with the fyndynge of mares, may lawfully bargain and selle the increase and brede of their sayd mares: any act or actes heretofore made to the contrarye in an wyse not withstandyng.

An acte agaynst vnlawfull exactions and vsages taken and vsed in the forestes of wales. capit. viii.

Where dyuers and many forestes be in wales and the marches of the same, as wel of the inheritaunce and possessions of our souerayngne lorde the kynge, as of dyuerse others beinge lordes marchers: within whiche forestes certayne vnreasonable customes and exactions haue ben of longe tyme vnlawefully exacted and vsed, contrary bothe to the lawe of god and man, to the exyresse wronge and great inpouerishynge of dyuers of the kynges trewe subiectes: The effecte of whiche sayd vnlaufull exactions and customes be hereafter declared, that is to witte, it hath ben there vnlaufully vsed, that if it fortuned any of the kinges subiectes to passe go or ryde through or in any waye or pathe of any of the sayde forestes, not haupnge vpon hym or them, that so shal fortune to passe go or ryde, a token delyuered to hym or them by the chiefe foresters rulers walkers or fermers, the whiche token shal be wel knowen amongest al them that are walkers and rulers vnder hym or them: Or that he or they that so shall fortune to passe go or ryde in or throut any of the sayd forestes be not perely tributours or chensers: then he or they so goynge rydynge or trauaylynge in or throut any of the sayde forestes, haupnge no token, nor beinge perely tributours or chensers, as is aforesayde, haue vsed to pay by vnlaufull exactiõ vnto the sayd foresters rulers walkers and fermers of the sayd forestes, a greuous fyne or rewarde. And if any person or persons, not haupnge suche token or tokens, and not beinge a perely tributour, or a chenser as is aforesayde, shulde happen to be taken, found, or espied by any of ꝑ said foresters rulers walkers or fermers or their assignes by the space of. xxiiii. sote out of the hyghway, then he or they, so being taken founde or espied out of the hygh way, within any of the sayde forestes, as is afore sayd, to forfayte and lose vnto the sayde foresters, rulers, walkers, and fermers, all suche money and golde, as shuld be then founde vppon hym or them, so being taken in any of the sayde forestes, out of the hyghe way, as is aforesayde. And also the same person or persons so being taken or found out of the hygh way, to forfaite and lose a toynt of one of his or their hãdes, or els to make fyne therfore with the said foresters rulers walkers and fermers, at the wyl and pleasure of the sayd rulers walkers or fermers. And if also that it happen any beast or quicke catell to come go or escape into any of the sayd forestes by stray, or theft stolen, or otherwise, the saide foresters rulers walkers or fermers, after knowlege to him or them giuen, haue likewise vnlaufully vsed to sease & take the same beast or cattelle, as his or theyr owne, and

marke them with the marke of their forest, there vsed: and so seased marked taken and then retеygne as cattell forfayted vnto theyr owne vse, by reason wherof the owner and owners of the same catel haue bē clere without remedie for the haupnge agayne of the sayde catelle, excepte onely by waye of redemption, or byenge agayne of theyr owne catelle, contrarye to all equitie & conscience. In consideration wherof it may please the kinges highnes, with the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporalle, and the commons at this present parlyament assembled and by the auctoritie of the same to enacte ordeygne and establyshe, that from the feaste of the Natiuitie of saynete John Babtyste nexte commynge, whiche shalbe in the yere of our lorde god. M.D. XXXVI. all the sayde vnlawefull customes to be determined, voyde, and had for nought throut all and euery of the sayde forestes within Wales and the marches of the same: And that it shall be lawful from thensforth to all and euery of the kynges trewe subiectes, and all other person or persons beinge in lege & amitie with our soueraygne lorde the kynge, his heires and successours kynges of Englande, frely quietely and in pease to passe and repasse, trauayle and go into and throute the sayd forestes and euery of them, bothe on horsebacke and on foote, as well folowynge and dryuyng of catel, as with cartеng of wares, or otherwyse aboute their lawfull busines and affaires, without any fine forfayture tolle custome exaction or other imposition; to be taken exacted, or demaunded of them or of any of them, by the sayd fosters rulers walkers fermers or theyr assignes. And if it shall chaunce or happen any of the sayde fosters rulers walkers fermers or theyr assignes or any of theym, at any tyme after the sayde feaste of saynete John Baptiste, to take any person or persons, being the kynges trewe subiectes, or otherwyse in lege & amitie with our said souerain lord his heires or successours kinges of Englande, as is aforesayde, and exacte and take of theym or of anye of theym any of the sayde forfaytures fines tolles customes or exactions, as is aboue mentioned, and be therof lawfully conuicted, that then he or they soo doyng and offending contrary to this acte, to incurre and stande in the dangers of the estatute heretofore prouyded for robberies by the kynges highe waye, and the same to be tried before the Justices of the peace in the nexte shire adioynaunte, accordynge to the lawe of this realme of Englande.

¶AND FVRTHER BE IT ENACTED by the auctorite aforsayd, that if any maner of beaste or quicke cattell of any of the kynges true subiectes or others the kynges frendes, atte any tyme after the sayde feaste of the Natyuitie of saynete John Baptyste, to come into any of the sayde forestes by strayes, theffe stollen, or otherwyse, and there to be marked and seased by any of the sayde foresters rulers walkers fermers or theyr assignes, or any of them, and the owner and owners of the same catel within one yere and a day than next ensuynge chanse to fynde the sayde catell so taken, and lawfully proue the same to be his or their owne propre cattell, that then the same catell to be redelyuered to the owner or owners therof, accordynge to the auncient lawe of this realme of Englande, the sayd owner or owners

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reasonably payenge for the keppynge of such catell, after the rate of the tyme that suche catell shall haue ben in the custody and keppynge of any suche fo-sters rulers walkers and fermers or his or theyr assignes, in such maner and fourme, as heretofore hath ben in lyke case vsed to be doone by the lawe of this realme of estrayed cattell claymed and proued by the owners, within a yere and a daye nexte after the seasynge of the same catell. And if any of the sayd fosters rulers walkers fermers their assignes or any of thē do deny the redelyueraunce of any suche catel, by them or any of them so seased & marked within any of the sayd forestes, after the owner or owners of them shal haue dewely & lawefully proued them to be his or their owne proper goodes & ca-telles, as is aforesayde, that then euery suche forster ruler walker fermer or assignes so dounge and offendynge contrary to this acte, to forfayte and pay vnto the partie greued the double value of all suche cattell, as shall be so ta-ken and marked, and not redelyuered to the owner or owners, as is afore-sayde: And ꝑ the partie greued may haue his action of detinue at the comō lawe of and for the same cattell, agaynste euery suche offender or offenders, and the same to be tried in the nexte shyre adioynante: in whiche action the defendaunt shal not be admitted to wage his lawe, nor essoen nor protection shalbe allowed for them: And lyke processe of outlagary to be had & made in the sayd action of detinue in the next shere adioynaunt agaynst euery forster ruler walker fermer or theyr assignes, so offendyng contrary to the tenour of this act, as in an action of trespas at the cōmon lawe of this realme is vsed.

¶ In acte that the kynges spirituall subiectes shall paye no tenthe of their spirituall promotions for that fyrste yere, for whiche they paye theyr fyrste fruites. Capitulo. viii.

WHere by a late acte made in this parlyamente for and concer-nynge the graunte made to the kynges hyghnes of the tenth of the yerely value of all spirituall possessions of this realme, and of the firste frutes therof, there appereth by the wordis of the sayd act, that prelates and al other incumbentes be char-ged to the payment of the tenthe that shall be due to the kyn-ges hyghnes, in and for the fyrste yere that they shall be elected, prefected, presented, collated, or admytted to any dignities, benefices, or other pro-motions spirituall, and for the same fyrste yere shall also pay the hole fyrste fruites of their sayde dignytyes, benefyces, and promotions, whiche is a dowble charge. For reformation wherof, the kynges hyghnesse for thentier and hartye loue that his grace beareth to the prelates and other incum-bentes, chargeable to the paymente of the sayde tenthe and fyrste frup-tes, of his excellente goodnes is pleased and contented, that it be enacted by auctorite of this presente parlyamente, that whanne soo euer any persone

or persones, frome the fyrste daye of May, whiche shall be in the yere of our lorde god a thousande fyue hundrede thertye and fyue, shall be named, prefected, presented, collated, or by any other meanes appointed to haue any Archebyshoprych, Byshoprithe, abbacye, monasterye, priorye, colledge, hospitalle, archedeconrye, deanerye, prouostshyppe, prebende, personage, vicarage, chauntrie, freechapell, or other dygnitie benefice or promotion spirituall, by vertue wherof, they shalbe charged or chargeable, as well for the payement of the .x. of euery of the sayd archebyshoprych, byshoprich, abbacy, monasterie, priorie, colledge, hospital, archedeconry, deanry, prouostshyppe, prebende, personage, vycarage, chauntrye, freechapelle, or other dygnite, benefice, or promotion spirituall, as with the paiment of the first fruites of the same, and euery of the same, shal at his or their composition, agreement, or entree into specialtie or specialties, for the payment of the sayd fyrst fruites, haue allowance and deduction of the sayde .x. parte of the holle, oute of the summe to be payed for the sayde fyrste fruites for the yere, wherin he or they shall be fyrste nominated, prefected, presented, collated, or by any other meanes appointed, to haue any of the sayd dignites, benefices, offices, or other promotions spirituall, accordyng to the iuste rate, taration, and cessement of the .x. of euery of the said archbishoprich bishoprich abbacy monastery priory colledge hospital archedeaconry deanery prouostshyp prebende personage vycarage chauntry frechapel or other dignitie, benefyce, office, or promotion spiritual within this realme or els where within any of the kynges dominions of what name nature or qualite so euer they be, or to whose foundatiō patronage or gyfte so euer they belonge, nowe beynge enrolled, or that hereafter shall be enrolled in the kynges Eschequier, or in any other the kynges courtes of recorde.

¶ AND BE IT FVRTHER ENACTED that euery commissioner or commyssyoners, or other the kynges officers or mynysters, or any other persone or persones, whiche eyther by auctorite of any acte of parlyamente, or by commyssion or commyssions, vnder the kynges greatte Seale, or otherwyse by his graces commaundemente, or by the commaundemente of suche as by his hyghnes shall be auctorised for that purpose, be appointed assigned or deputed, or that hereafter shall be appointed auctorised assigned or deputed, to compounde agre and receyue bondes and specialties to his maiesties vse, for paymente of the sayde fyrste fruites of euery of the sayde dygnities benefices offices or other promotions spiritual, shal and maye by force of this acte, frome the sayde fyrste daye of May for euer forwarde, haue auctoritie to deducte and allowe vnto euery suche persone or persones, as frome the forsayde fyrste daye of May, shall be nominated, prefected, presented, collated, or by any other meanes appointed to haue any of the sayde archebyshoprych byshoprych abbacie monasterye priory colledge hospitall archedeconry deanry prouostshyp prebende personage vicarage chantry frechapell or other dignitie benefice office or promotion

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tion ſpirituall, the tenth parte of the hole, as is aforeſayde, out of the ſame fyrſte fruites for the yere, wherin he or they ſhal be fyrſte nominated, preferred, preſented, collated, or by any other meanes appoynted vnto euery of the ſame, as is aforeſayde, without any farther ſuite to be made to the kynges hyghnes, and without impoſition exaction or other charge to be in any wyſe demaunded or exacted of the perſone or perſonnes ſoo preferred, for the allowance vnto them of the ſayde tenth, for the ſayd fyrſte yere in fourme aboue expreſſed: any thynge or thynges in the ſayde act of the graunte of the ſayde tenth and fyrſte fruites to the contrary not withſtandynge.

¶ And it is alſo enacted by the auctoritie aforeſayde, that all and euery perſone and perſones, that vpon his or theyr compoſition and agrement for the fyrſte fruites, ſhalbe defaulked and allowed the tenthe parte of the hole ſome of his or theyr dignities benefices offices or promotions ſpirituall, for the yere wherin he or they ſhall be fyrſte nominated preferred preſented collated or by any other meanes appoynted vnto any of the ſame, as is aboue ſayde, ſhall yelde and paye the ſayde tenthe part vnto the kynges mateſtie his heires and ſucceſſours, the ſayde fyrſte yere in lyke maner and fourme, and at ſuche daye as is lymitted in the ſayde acte of the graunte of the ſayde tenthe and fyrſte fruytes: any thynge conteyned in this acte to the contrarye not withſtandynge.

¶ Be it farther enacted by the auctorite aforeſayd, that in ſuch caſes, where the ſucceſſour of any incumbent ſhall be chargeable to the payment of ſuche ſommes of money, as ſhall be due of and for the ſayde tenthe, that ſhall happen to be behynd vnpayd in the tyme or lyfe of his predeceſſour, there euery ſuch ſucceſſour may laufully diſtrayn ſuche goodes and catals of his predeceſſour, as ſhal happen to be and remayne in and vpon the dignitie benefice or promotion ſpirituall, of the whiche the ſame tenth was behynde and vnpayde in the lyfe or tyme of his predeceſſour, and to reteyne the ſayd goodes and catalles tyll ſuche tyme as the ſayde predeceſſour, if he be alyue, and if he be deed, then his executours or adminiſtratours, or ſuche other, to whom his goodes and cattalles ſhulde apperteyne, haue fully ſatiſfied & paid ſuch ſũmes of money, as ſhall happen to be behinde & vnpayed of the ſayd tenth. And in caſe the ſayd predeceſſour, his executours adminiſtratours, or ſuche other to whom his goodes or catalles ſhulde apperteyne, within. xii. dayes nexte after the diſtreſſe therof, doo not ſatiſfie the ſayde ſommes of moneye, beinge behinde of the ſayde tenth, as is aforeſayd: that then for ſuche default of paiement it ſhalbe laufull to euery ſuch ſucceſſour to cauſe the ſaid goodes and catalles ſo diſtreyned, to be preyſed by two or thre indifferent perſonnes to be ſworne for the ſame: And accordynge to the ſame appreyſinge to ſell ſo moche therof, as ſhall amounte as well to the full ſatisfaction of the ſayde ſommes of money, beinge behynde and vnpayed of the ſayd tenth, in the life or tyme of his predeceſſour, as for the reaſonable coſtes, that ſhalbe ſpent by occaſion of diſtreignynge and appraiſinge of the ſame goodes and catalles. And in caſe no ſufficient goodes and catalles may be found in or vpon ſuche

dignities, benefices, or promtions spirituall, for the satisfaction of the sayde tenth, beinge behynde vnpayde, as is aboue sayde, that then the predecessour, by whom suche tenthe was due to be payde. if he be a lyue: and if he be deed, then his executours administratours and other, to whom his goodes and catalles shall appertayne or belonge, shalbe compelled to the payement of the sayde tenthe beinge behynde and vnpayde as is aforesayd, by byl to be pursued in the kynges Chauncery by the successour that shall be chargeable for the same, or els by action or playnt of dette to be taken or commenced by suche successour by order of the common lawes.

An acte whereby all bouchers be lycenced to sell flesshe by retayle vnto the xxiiii. day of Aprill, whiche shall be in the yere of our lorde god. M.D.XL. Ca. ix.

Where in this presente parliament begunne at London the. iii. day of Nouember, in the. xxi. yere of the reygne of our souerayngne lorde the kynge that nowe is, and from thens adiorned to westm, & there by diuers prorogations hytherto continued, in one session there holden the. xxiiii. yere of our said soueraine lordes reigne amongest dyuers beneficiall estatutes there made, it was enacted, that euery person which dyd sel after the first day of August, in the sayd. xxiiii. yere, any beaffe porke mutton or veale, or any parte or parcell therof, shulde selle the same by lawfulle weyght called haberdepoys, and none other wise, after the price in the same acte conteyned and especified: as in the same acte more playnely is conteyned. And where afterwardes for so moche as sufficient auctorite was not gyuen by the said act to the Iustices of the pece, maires, baylyffes, sheriues, & other officers rehersed in the sayde former acte to punishe the offenders, and suche other as wolde not sell by weyght accordynge to the force of the sayd act: at an other session holden in the. xxv. yere of our sayde soueraygne lordes reygne, it was than by an other estatute enacted, that from the. xx. day of February, in the yere of our lorde god. M. D. XXXIII. it shulde be lawfull to all and euery mayres, sherpffes, constables, baylyffes, and other gouernours of cities, boroughes, and market townes, as wel within liberties as without, to whom any complaynt shuld be made vpon any boucher his wife seruantis or other his mynisters, refusyng to sell the said vitayles by trewe and lawfull weight, accordynge to the tenour of the said former acte, not onely to commytte euery suche boucher or other suche offender to warde, there to remayn without bayle or mayneprise, vnto suche tyme as they and euery of theym shall haue payde all the forfaytures and penalties comprised in the sayde former acte: but also euery of the sayde mayres and other hed officers and their deputies shuld sell or cause to be solde all suche vitayles by trewe weyght and for redy money, as in the sayd acte made in the sayd. xxv. yere more at large is expressed. The kynges highnes well considerynge the great darth of all maner of vitayles,

tayles, whiche be nowe and syns the makyng of the sayd estatutes hath fallen and happened within this his realme, as welle by mortayne and deathe of suche catell, as by great waters and vnseasonable wethers, whereby the brede and encreace of the same is moch empayred and mynished: in such wyse that if the said former estatutes were put in execution, the bouchers and sellers of suche vytayles were not able to lyue, nor that his commons shulde be wel serued therof: the scarsytie of the same consydered, by his accustomed goodnes the premisses consyderynge, is contented by thassent of his maiestie, with the assente of his lordes spirituall and temporall, and of his commons in this his presente perlyamente assembled, and by auctoritye of the same, that it be ordeyned establysshed and enacted, that from the. xii. daye of Apryl, in the yere of our lorde god. M. D. XXXVI. vnto the. xviii. day of Aprill, the whiche shall be in the yere of our lorde god. M. D. XL. all bouchers and other sellynge flesshe by retayle, maye lawefully kylle and selle all maner bieke porke mutton and veale, being good and holsome for mans bodye, at theyr pleasures and lyberties, as freely and lyberally as they or any of them dyd or myght haue done at any tyme before the makynge of the sayde estatutes, made in the. xxviii. and. xxv. yere of oure sayde soueraygne lordes reygne, without any losse, peyne, imprisonment, forfaiture, or penaltie, to be by them or any of them, or the succussours of them or any of them, had lost borne or sustayned in that behalfe, during the tyme before lymitted, The same estatutes made in the sayd. xviii. & xxv. yere, or eyther of them, or any clause sentence forfayture peyne losse or any other thynge in them or any of theym to the contrary in any wyse not withstandynge: And that the same estatutes and eyther of them, and euery clause sentence and article in them and eyther of them conteyned, shall be in suspence and not put in execution durynge the sayde tyme.

¶ And where also by an nother estatute, made in the sayde. xxv. yere of the reigne of our sayde soueraygne lorde, it was enacted, that no suckynge calues, whiche shulde happe to falle or be calued betwene the fyrste day of January than next ensuinge, and the fyrst day of May, durynge two hole yeres nexte after folowyng, shuld be kylled, and put to sale by any bouchers or other person, hole or by retayle, to any person or persons, durynge the sayde two yeres, vpon the peynes conteyned in the sayde estatute, as by the same estatute more playnely appereth: The kynge our soueraygne lorde of his excellent goodnes, to thentent that his louing subiectes shuld be the better prouyded of the more plenty of vitayles ayenst this holy tyme of easter nexte cõmynge, is also contented that it be enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that all bouchers and other sellinge flesshe by retaile, may laufully from the said. xii. day of Aprill, in the yere of our lorde god. M. D. XXXVI. duringe two hole yeres then next ensuinge, kyll and selle calues hole or by retaile at theyr pleasures and liberties, without any losse peyne domage penaltie or forfaiture by them or any of them to be had susteined or loste in that behalfe, The sayde estatute made for kyllynge of calues to endure for two yeres, or any

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thynge in the same conteyned to the contrary in any wyse notwithstanding.

¶ And be it further enacted by the sayde auctoritie, that the sayde act made for the kyllynge of calues shall begynne to take effecte the fyrst day of Januarp, the whiche shall be in the yere of our lorde god. M. D. XXXIX. and from thensforth to endure and continue two hole yeres than nexte and immediately ensuinge, any thynge conteyned in this present acte to the contrary notwithstandynge.

¶ An acte expressinge an order for vses and willes. ca. x.

WHere by the common lawes of this realme landes tenementes & hereditamētes be not diuisible by testamēt nor ought to be transferred from one to an other, but by solēne liuery and season, matter of record, wrytyng sufficient, made bona fide without coupne or fraude: yet neuer the les diuers and sondry imaginations, subtile inuentions, and practises haue benne vsed: wherby the heredytamentes of this realme haue ben conueied from one to an other by fraudulent feoffementes fines recoueries and other assurances craftily made, to secrete vses intentes & trustes, and also by willes and testamētis, somtyme made by nude parolx & wordes, sometyme by signes and tokens, and somtyme by writing, & for the most part made by suche persons as be visited with sykenes in their extreme agonies and paynes, or at suche tyme as they haue hadde scantly any good memorie or remembraunce: At whiche tymes they beinge prouoked by gredy and couetouse persons, lienge in awayt about them, do many tymes dispose indiscretely and vnaduisedly theyr landes and inheritances. By reson wher of, and by occasion of whiche fraudulent feoffementes, fynes, recoueries, & other lyke assurances to vses, confidences and trustes, diuers and many heires haue ben iniustely at sundry tymes disherited, the lordes haue loste their wardes, mariages, reliefes, harriottes, eschetes, aides pur faire fitz chiualer et pur file marier, and scantely any persone can be certaynly assured of any landes by them purchased, nor knowen surely agayn whome they shall vse their actions or executions for their ryghtes titles and duities: Also menne maried haue loste theyr tenaunces by the courtesye, women theyr dowers, manyfeste periuries by triall of suche secret wylles and vses haue bene compytted: The kynges highnesse hath loste the profittes and aduauntages of the landes of persones attaynted, and of the landes craftely put in feffemente to the vses of aliens borne, and also the profites of waste for a yere and a day, of landes of felons attaynted, and the lordes their eschetes therof: and many other inconueniences haue happened and daply doo encreace amonge the kinges subiectes, to theyr great trouble and inquietnes, and to the vtter subuertion of the auncient common lawes of this realme. For the extirpinge and extinguishemente of all suche subtyll practised feffementes, fines, recoueries, abuses, and errours, heretofore vsed & accustomed in this

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realme, to the subuertion of the good and auncient lawes of the same, and to thintent that the kynges hyghnes, or any other his subiectes of this realme shall not in any wise here after by any meanes or inuentions, be deceyued damaged or hurted by reason of suche trustes vses or confidences, but maye please the kynges moost royall maiestie, that it may be enacted by his highnes, by thassent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parlyament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, in maner and fourme folowynge: that is to saye, that where any person or personnes stande or be seased, or at any tyme hereafter shall happen to be seased of and in any honours castelles manours landes tenementes rentes seruices reuertions remaynders or other hereditamentes, to the vse confidence or trust of any other personne or personnes, or of any body politike, by reason of any bargayne sale feffement fine recouerie couenant contracte agrement wyll or otherwyse, by any maner meanes what so euer it be, that in euery suche case all and euery suche person and personnes, and bodyes polytike, that haue or hereafter shall haue anye suche vse, confidence, or truste, in fee symple, fee taple, for terme of lyfe or of peres, or other wyse: or anye vse confidence or truste in remaynder or reuerter, shal from henceforth stonde and be seased demed and adiudged in lawfull seson estate and possession of and in the same honors castels manours landes tenemētes rētes seruices reuertions remainders & hereditamentes, with their appurtenances to al intentes cōstructiōs & purposis in the law, of & in such like estates as they had or shall haue in vse truste or confidence of or in the same. And that the estate title ryght and possession, that was in suche persone or personnes, that were or here after shall be seased of any landes tenementes or hereditamentes, to the vse confidence or truste of any suche person or personnes, or of any body polytike, be frome henceforth clerely demed and adiudged to be in hym or them that haue or here after shall haue suche vse confydence or truste, after suche qualytie maner fourme and condicion, as they had before in or to the vse confidence or truste that was in them.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctoritie afore sayde, that where dyuers and many persons be or here after shall happen to be ioyntly seased of and in any landes tenementes rentes reuertions remainders or other heredytamentes, to thuse confidence or truste of any of them that be so ioyntelye seased, that in euery such case, that those person or persons, whiche haue or here after shall haue any suche vse confidence or truste in any suche landes tenementes rentes reuertions remaynders or hereditamentes, shall from henceforth haue and be demed and adiudged to haue onely to hym or theym, that haue or hereafter shall haue suche vse confidence or truste, suche estate possession and season, of and in the same landes tenementes rentes reuertions remaynders or other hereditamentes in lyke nature maner fourme condicion and course, as he or they hadde before in the vse confydence or truste of the same landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes: saynge and reseruynge to all and synguler persones and bodyes polytyke, theyr heyres and succes-

ceſſours, other than thoſe perſon or perſones, whiche be ſeaſed or hereafter ſhall be ſeaſed of any landes tenementes or hereditamentes to any vſe, confidence or truſte, all ſuche ryght tytle entre enterest poſſeſſion rentes and action, as they or any of them had or myghte haue hadde before the makynge of this acte.

¶ And alſo ſauynge to all and ſynguler thoſe perſons, and to theyr heyres, whiche be or hereafter ſhall be ſeaſed to any vſe, all ſuche former ryght tytle entre enterest poſſeſſion, rentes, cuſtomes, ſeruices, and action, as they or any of them might haue had to his or their owne proper vſe in or to any manours, landes, tenementes, rentes, or hereditamentes, wherof they be or hereafter ſhall be ſeaſed to any other vſe, as if this preſent acte hadde neuer ben hadde nor made: any thynge conteyned in this acte to the contrarye notwithſtandynge.

¶ And where alſo dyuers pſons ſtand & be ſeſed of & in any londes tenementes or hereditamentes, in fee ſymple or otherwyſe to the vſe or intent ŷ ſome other perſon or perſons ſhall haue and percepue yerely to them and to his or their heyres one annuelle rente of tenne poundes or more or leſſe, oute of the ſame landes and tenementes, and ſome other perſon one other annuell rent to hym and his aſſignes for terme of lyfe, or yeres, or for ſome other ſpeciall tyme, accordinge to ſuche intent and vſe, as hath benne heretofore declared lymitted and made therof: Be it therfore enacted by the auctorite aforeſaid. that in euery ſuch caſe the ſame perſons their heires and aſſignes, that haue ſuche vſe and intereſt, to haue and percepue any ſuche annuell rentes out of any landes tenementes or hereditamentes, that they & euery of theym theyr heyres and aſſignes be adiudged and demed to be in poſſeſſion and ſeaſon of the ſame rente of and in ſuche lyke eſtate as they had in the tytle intereſt or vſe of the ſayde rent or profyte, and as if a ſufficient graunt or other laufull conueyance had be made and executed to them by ſuche as were or ſhall be ſeaſed to the vſe or intent of any ſuche rent to be hadde made or payde accordynge to the very truſte and intent therof. And that all and euery ſuche perſone and perſonnes as haue or hereafter ſhall haue any tytle vſe and intereſt in or to any ſuche rent or profite, ſhall laufully diſtreyne for none payement of the ſayde rente, and in their owne names make aduowries, or by theyr Bayllyffes or ſeruauntes make conſtaunces & Juſtyfications, and haue all other ſuites entrees and remedyes for ſuche rentes, as if the ſame rentes hadde be actuallye and really graunted to theym with ſufficient clauſes of diſtreſſe reentre or otherwyſe, accordynge to ſuche condicions peynes or other thynges lymytted and appoynted vpon the truſte and intente for payemente or ſuretie of ſuche rente.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctorite aforeſayde, that where as dyuers perſones haue purchaſed or haue eſtate made and conueyed of and in diuers landes tenemētes and hereditamentes vnto them and to their wifes and to the heyres of the huſbande, or to the huſbande and to the wyfe, and to the heyres of theyr two bodyes begoten, or to the heires of one of theyr bodyes

dies begotten, or to the husbonde and to the wyfe for terme of their lyues, or for terme of lyfe of the sayde wife: Or where any suche estate, or purchace of any landes tenementes or hereditamentes hath benne or here after shall be made to any husbande & to his wife, in maner and fourme aboue expressed, or to any other person or persones, and to their heires and assignes, to the vse and behoue of the sayde husbande and wife, or to the vse of the wyfe, as is before rehersed, for the toynter of the wyfe: that then in euery suche case, euery woman maried, hauynge suche toynter made or hereafter to be made, shall not clayme nor haue title to haue any dower of the residue of the landes tenementes or hereditamentes that at any tyme were her sayde husbandes, by whom she hath any suche toynter, nor shall demaunde nor clayme her dower of and agaynst theym that haue the landes and inheryttaunces of her sayde husbande. But if she haue no suche toynter, thenne she shall be admitted and inabeled to pursue haue and demaunde her dower by writ of dower, after the dewe course and order of the common lawes of this realme: this acte or any lawe or prouision made to the contrarye therof notwithstandynge.

¶ Prouyded alwaye, that if any suche woman be laufully expulsed or euicted frome her sayde toynter, or frome any parte therof, without any fraude or couine by laufull entree action or by discontinuaunce of her husband: then euery suche woman shalbe endowed of as moche of the residue of her husbandes tenementes or hereditamentes, whereof she was before dowable, as the same landes and tenementes, so eujcted and expulsed, shall amounte or extende vnto.

¶ Prouyded also, that this acte nor any thinge therin conteyned or expressed, extende or be in any wyse hurtefull or prejudiciall to any woman or women heretofore beinge maried, of for or concernyng suche ryght title vse interest or possession, as they or any of theym haue clayme or pretende to haue for her or their toynter or dower of in or to any manours londes tenementes or other hereditamentes of any of their late husbandes, beynge nowe deed or deceased, any thinge conteyned in this acte to the contrary not withstandynge.

¶ Prouided also, that if any wife haue or hereafter shal haue any manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes, vnto her gyuen or assured after mariage for terme of her lyue, or other wyse in toynter, excepte the same assurance be to her made by acte of parlyament, and the sayd wife after that fortune to ouerlyue the same her husband, in whose tyme the sayd toynter was made or assured vnto her, that thenne the same wyfe, soo ouerlyuynge, shall and may at her libertie, after the death of her sayde husbande refuse to haue and take the landes and tenementes, so to her gyuen appoynted or assured, durynge the couerture, for terme of her lyfe or other wise in toynter: excepte the same assuraunce be to her made by acte of parlyament, as is aforesayde, and therupon to haue aske demande & take her dower by writte of dowere or otherwise, accordynge to the common lawe, of and in all suche landes, tene-

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mentes and hereditamentes, as her husbande was and stode seased of any estate of inheritaunce, at any tyme duryng the couerture, any thyng conteyned in this act to the contrary in any wise not withstandyng.

¶ Prouyded also that this present acte nor any thyng therin conteyned, extend, nor be at any tyme hereafter interpretated expounded or taken to extincte release discharge or suspende any statute, recognisaunce, or other bonde by the execution of any estate of or in any landes tenemētes or hereditamētis by thauctorite of this acte, to any person or persons, or bodies polytyke: any thynge conteyned in this acte to the contrary therof not withstandynge.

¶ And for as moch as gret ambiguites & doubtes may arise of the validite and invalidite of willes heretofore made of any landes tenementes and hereditamentes, to the great trouble of the kynges subiectes, the kynges most ropall maiestie myndynge the tranquilite and reste of his louing subiectes, of his most excellent and accustomed goodnes is pleased and contented, that it be enacted by thauctorite of this present parliament, that all maner trewe and iuste wylles and testamentes heretofore made by any person or persons deceassed, or that shall deceasse before the fyrste daye of May, that shall be in the yere of our lorde god. M. D. XXXVI. of any landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes, shall be taken and accepted good and effectual in the lawe, after suche fashion maner and fourme as they were commonly taken and vsed at any time within fourtie yeres next afore the making of this act: any thynge conteyned in this acte, or in the preamble therof, or any opinion of the common lawe to the contrary therof notwithstandynge.

¶ Prouided alwaies, that the kinges highnes shall not haue demaunde or take any aduauntage or profite for or by occasion of the executynge of any estate onely by auctorite of this acte, to any personne or persons or bodies politike, whithe nowe haue, or on this syde the said first day of May, whiche shall be in the yere of our lorde god. M. D. XXXVI. shall haue any vse or vses trustes or confidences in any manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes holden of the kynges highnes, by reason of primer season, liuerie, vtter le mayne, fine for alienation, relefe or harriot: but that fines for alienations relefes & harriottes shalbe be payd to the kinges highnes: And also liueries & oster le maynes shalbe sued for vses, trustes, & confidences to be made and executed in possession, by auctorite of this acte, after and from the sayde firste day of May, of landes & tenementes and other hereditamentes holden of the kinge in suche lyke maner and fourme, to all intentes constructions and purposes as hath heretofore vsed or accustomed by thorder of the lawes of this realme.

¶ Prouided also, that no other perso or persons or bodies politike, of whom any londes tenites or hereditamentes be or hereafter shalbe holden mediate or immediate, shal in any wise demaunde or take any fyne relefe or harriot for or by occasion of the executinge of any estate by the auctorite of this act, to any person or personnes or bodies politike, before the sayde firste daye of May, whiche shalbe in the yere of our lorde god. M. D. XXXXVI.

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¶ And be it enacted, by auctoritie aforesayde, that all and synguler persone and persons, and bodyes politike, whiche at any tyme on this syde the said first day of May, whiche shalbe in the yere of our lord god. M.D.XXXVI. shall haue any estate vnto them executed of and in any landes tenementes or hereditamentes, by the auctorite of this acte, shal and may haue and take the same or lyke aduauntage, benefite, voucher, ayde prayer, remedye, commoditie, and profite by action entree condition or otherwyse, to all intentes constructions and purposes, as the persone or persones seased to theyr vse of or in any suche landes tenementes or hereditamentes, so executed had shoulde myght or oughte to haue had at the tyme of the execution of the estate thereof, by the auctoritie of this acte, agaynst any other person or persones of or for any waste, disseison, trespas, condition broken, or any other offence cause or thynge concernynge or touchyng the sayd landes or tenementes, so executed by the auctoritie of this acte.

¶ Prouided also and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that actions nowe dependynge agaynst any person or persons, seased of or in any landes tenementes or hereditamentes, to any vse truste or confidence, shall not abate ne be discharged for or by reason of executynge of any estate therof by auctoritie of this acte, before the said firste day of May, whiche shal be in the yere of our lorde god. M. D. XXXVI. any thynge conteyned in this acte to the contrary not withstandynge.

¶ Prouided also, that this acte nor any thinge therin conteined, shal not be prejudicial to the kinges highnes for wardshyps of heires nowe being within age, nor for liueries, or for oustre le mayns, to be sued by any person or persons now being within age, or of ful age, of any landes or tenementes vnto the same heire or heyres nowe all redy descended: any thing in this act conteined to the contrary not withstandynge.

¶ Prouided also and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that all and synguler recognisances heretofore knowleged taken or made to the kynges vse, for or concernynge any recoueries of any landes tenementes or hereditamentes here tofore vsed or had by writte or writtes of entre vpon disseison in le post, shall from henseforth be vtterly voyde and of none effecte to all intentes constructions and purposes.

¶ Prouyded also that this acte, nor any thynge therin conteyned be in any wyse prejudiciall or hurteful to any persone or persons, borne in wales or the marches of the same, whiche shall haue any estate to them executed by auctoritie of this acte in any landes tenementes or other hereditamentes within this realme, wherof any other persone or persones nowe stande or be seased to the vse of any suche persone or personnes borne in Wales, or the marches of the same: but that the same personne or persones borne in Wales or the marches of the same, shal or may lawfully haue reteyne & kepe the same landes tenementes or other hereditamentes, wherof estate shall be soo vnto them executed by the auctoritie of this acte, accordynge to the tenour of the same: any thynge in this acte conteyned, or any other acte or prouysion here

tofore had or made to the contrary not withstandynge.

¶ An acte concernynge clerkes of the sygnet and pryuie seale. Cap. xi.

Where as the kinges clerkes of his gracious sygnet and priuie seale, gyuynge their dayly attendances for the passing and wrytynge of his maiesties greatte and weyghty affaires, and the causes of this his realme, haue for their entertaynementes and their clerkes, no fees nor wages certayn for those offices, other than such fees as cometh & groweth of the saide signet & priuie seale: To the intente that from henseforth they shulde not by any maner of meanes be defeated of any parte or portion of the same their fees, Be it therfore ordeyned establyshed & enacted by the consent and assent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parlyament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that all and euery gyfte, graunte, and other wrytynge, whiche shall be made or gyuen in wryting by the kinges highnes, or any his most noble posteritie, to any person or persons, sygned with his graces signe, or the signe or signes manuel of any of them, to be passed vnder any his graces gret seales of England, Ireland, duchie of Lancastre, or of any his hyghnes counties palantines or principalites of wales, or by other proces out of the eschequier, after the. xv. day of Apryll, in the. xxvii. yere of his moste noble reigne. And that all and euery gyftes grauntes and other writinges, of what name or names, qualitie or qualities so euer the same be, or hereafter shall be named demed or called, whiche the mayster of the kynges wardes, or generall surueyours of the kynges landes for the tyme beinge, or any other offycer or officers, that nowe be or hereafter shall be made, shall by vertue of anye acte of parlyamente, or any the kynges grauntes to theym or any of theym made, or hereafter to be made in that behalfe, gyue graunte or make after the forsayd. xv. day of Apryl, to any person or persons in the kinges name to be passed vnder any his maiesties seales, be in any wise first & before ẏ same graunt or any of them be passed vnder any the kynges sayde seales, or other processe made of the same, brought and delyuered to the kynges principall secretarie, or to one of the kynges clerkes of his gracis sygnet for the tyme beinge, to be at the sayd office of the signet passed accordyngly.

¶ And be it also ordeyned & enacted by thauctoritie aforesaid, that one of the clerkes of the said signet, to whome any the sayd writinges, signed with the kynges moste gratious hande, or the hande of any other aforesaid, or any of them, fortune to be delyuered, may and shall by warrante of the same bylles and euery of them, within the space of. viii. dayes next after he shal haue receyued the same, onles he haue knowlege by the sayde Secretarie, or otherwyse of the kynges pleasure to the contrary, make or cause to be made in the kynges name letters of warrantye, subscribed with the hande of the same

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clerke, and sealed with the kynges signet to the lorde keper of the kinges pryue seale for further prores to be had in that behalfe. And that one of the kinges clerkes of the sayde pryue seale, upon due examination had by the sayde lorde keper of the sayde pryue seale, of the sayde warrantie to hym adressed from the office of the sayde signet as afore, maye and shall within the space of. viii. dayes next after he shall haue receyued the same, oneles the lorde keper of the pryue seale do gyue them commaundement to the contrary, make or cause to be made by warrante of the forsayd warrant to the sayd lorde keper of the priue seale, addressed from the office of the signet aforesayde, other letters of lyke warrantie, subscribed with the name of the same clerke of the pryupe seale to the lorde chauncellour of Englande, lorde keper of the great seale, chauncellour of the duchy of Lancaster, chauncellour of the kynges lande of Irelande, Treasourer and chamberlaynes of the eschequier, and chamberlaynes of any his counties palantines or principalitie of Wales, or other officer, and to euery of them, for the wrytynge and ensealyng with suche seales as remayne in their custody, of letters patente or closed, or other processe makynge, dewe and requisite to be had or made upon any the sayde grauntes, accordynge to the tenour of the warrante to them or any of them directed from the office of the pryue seale as is before specified.

¶ And also be it enacted by the auctorite aforesayde, that no maner clerke or clerkes or other persone or persons, do write or make any maner writinge warraunte or warrauntes vppon any maner gyfte or graunte, made by the kynges hyghnesse, or by any other his gracis officers, as afore sayde, or procure the same or any of the same to be passed vnder any the seales aforesayd, after any other sorte maner or facyon, or by any other warraunte or warrauntes, than as before is specified and declared, vppon peyne to forfayte for euery bylle, warraunte, or writynge, passed contrarye to the order before lymitted and prescribed, the somme of. x. pounde sterlynge: The one halfe thereof to be to our soueraygne lorde the kynge, and the other halfe to hym that shall fyrste sewe for the same by accion of dette, wrytte, bylle, playnte, or informacion in any of the kynges Courtis: in whiche action or suite no essoyne, protection, priuilege, nor wager of lawe shal be admytted: any maner acte, statute, prouisyon, proclamation, or other ordynaunce here to fore hadde or made contrary to this present acte, or any artycle of the same, in any wyse not withstandynge.

¶ And neuer the lesse be it also enacted, that euery of the sayde clerkes or other person, whiche shall passe in writyng, or procure to be passed in wryting, any graunt or grauntes by immediate warrante, wherfore fees be payde at the greatte Seale, shall of the partyes receyue for the offices of the sayde signet and priue seale, as well suche fees as in this acte is tared for writinge of any suche graunte or other writynges, as also the fees for the seale of the same: whiche fees and euery parte and portion therof, the same clerke or clerkes, by whome any graunt shall passe in writynge by immediate warrante, shall vpon a byll of the hande of one of the sayde clerkes of the sayde sygnet

or priue seale, delyuer vnto one of the same clerkes of the signette or priue seale, within the space of thre monethes, nexte and immediatly ensuinge after the passinge and sealynge of any the said graunt or grauntes by immediate warraunt, vppon peyne of. C. li. sterlynge, to be by euery suche of the said clerkes or other persone, as shal offend, forfaited, to be leuied in forme aforesayde, as often as he or they shall offende contrarye to the meanynge of this acte.

Prouided also, that this acte, or any thyng conteyned in the same, be not in any wise preiudiciall to the lorde Treasorer of Englande for the tyme beinge, concernynge such warrantes or preceptes, as he by vertue of his office shall and may directe immediately to the lorde Chauncellour of Englande, or to any other person, for makynge out of the kynges grauntes or letters patentes, to any person or persons of any offices fermes of landes or tenementes, or of any other thynge belongynge to his nomination and disposition: but that as well he may directe his saide warrantes or preceptes for the causes aboue said, as also his clerke or clerkes, or other person may procure the same to be sealed vnder any of the seales aforesayde, without any warrant to be before or after sewed or opteyned vnder the kynges signet or priue seale for the same, in as large and ample maner, and after suche sorte and facion, as he or they myght haue done at any tyme before the makynge of this acte: any thynge in the same acte mencyoned to the contrarye not withstandynge.

Prouided also, that al and euery lease and leses of the kynges manours landes tenementes possessions or other profittes or hereditamentes within the countie palantine of Lancaster, or of the duchie of Lancaster, out of the saide countie palantine, whiche the Chauncellour of the duchie of Lancaster for the tyme beinge, or the Chauncellour of the sayde countie palantine for the tyme beinge, or eyther of them, shall hereafter make or graunt in the name of the kynge our soueraygne lorde, his heires or successours to any maner person or persons, shall and may passe and be passed vnder the seales of the sayde duchie of Lancaster, or of the sayde countie palantyne of Lancaster or of eyther of them in maner and fourme as heretofore hath benne vsed and accustomed: any thynge in this presente act, before made to the contrary not withstandynge,

Prouided also, that al and euery gift graũt and patẽt of any maner office or offices, or any other thing beinge, or which hereafter shall be in the countie palantine of Lancaster, or of the sayd duchie of Lancaster, out of the said countie palantine, the yerely wages or fees wherof amoũteth not ouer and aboue the value of. ii. pence by the day, shal and may passe and be passed by the sayd chancellour of the duchie of Lancaster, or by the saide chancellor of the said countie palantine, or of eyther of them for the tyme beinge, in maner and fourme as heretofore hath benne vsed and accustomed: any artycle or thynge in this present acte before made to the contrary not withstandyng.

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nysters and clerkes of the kynges signet and priuie seale, shulde haue and take honest and sufficient salarie and rewarde for the writinge of the sayde warrauntes to be by them made as aforesaide, as also the kynges moste louynge faythfull and obedient subiectes, knowynge the certayne charges to be by them layd out for the writyng of the sayd warrantes, shuld not by any maner exaction or other sinister meanes be constrayned by any the said clerkes to pay more large and excessiue fees for the wrytinge of the same, than reason and conscience shal require: Be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that all and euery clerke and clerkes of the said signet and priuie seale shall haue and take for his or theyr writynge of a warrant vpon a bylle for tailes of rewarde. xii. d. For the writinge of a warrant for the gyfte of euery office xx. d. For the writinge of a warrante for a pension annuitie or wages. xx. d. For the writinge of a warrant for a speciall lyuerey, or other perpetuitie. vi. s. viii. d. For the writinge of a warrant vppon euery bylle for a congie desire royall assent restitution of temporalties donatiues aduocations, presentations, or other ecclesiastical mattier. iii. s. iiii. d. For the writynge of euery warrant vpon a placarde lycence pardon or shireffes rewarde. ii. s. For the writinge of euery warrant vpon a denyzen. iii. s. iiii. d. For the writynge of a warrant for kepynge of an idiotte. xx. d. For the writing of a warrant for kepynge of a warde. iii. s. iiii. d. And that no maner of clerke or clerkes of the signet or priuie seale afore sayde, shall take for the writing of any maner warrant aboue specified, more large and ample fees, than before is prescribed and appoynted, vppon peyne of. c. li. sterlynge to be by him forfayted, that shall offende contrary to the trewe tenour and meanynge of the saide acte: the one halfe therof to be to the kynge our souerain lord, the other half to him that shal first sue for the same by bil action plaint or information in any of the kynges courtes: In which action or suite no essoen protectyon nor wager of lawe shall be admitted.

¶ Prouided also, that the lorde Chauncellour of England for the time beinge, shall and may at all tymes vse his discretion in passinge and spedinge any thyng by the great seale, and delyuering the same, without paying any fees for the great seale signette and priuie seale, as the case of necessitie shall require, and as hath ben accustomed. And that the clerkes for writing or procuryng such writinges and patentes by his cōmandment, shalbe discharged of all penalties expressed before in this acte, for not receyuinge and payinge fees to the signet and priuie seale, any thinge in this act conteyned to the cōtrary hereof not withstanding.

¶ And be it furthermore enacted by the auctoritie afore sayd, that this present acte and euery parte and parcell therof, shal extend to the court of thaugmentation of the reuenues of the kynges corowne, and bynde euery offycer & officers, theyr clerkes, & minister, that now be & hereafter shalbe of the same court, to thobseruatiō therof and of euery part therof, for & concerning the sealing & writynge of any maner patent lease or other graunt, which vpon the kinges bil signed shal passe the gret seale of the same court: any speci-

al wordes conteyned in the act made in this present Session for the stablisshment of the officers of the sayde court of thaugmentation, or any other acte or prouision made to the contrary herof in any wyse not withstandynge.

¶ PROVIDED neuertheles, that this acte nor any thynge conteyned in the same, be not in any wyse prejudiciall to any maner person or personnes, whom the kynges highnes shal by expresse cõmandment direct sende or appoynt to procure any thynge or thynges to be sealed with any his maiesties seales, for or concernyng his maiesties priuate affaires, or the affaires of his highnes realme: but that as wel the same person or psons, being appoynted by the kynges highnes as aforesaid, as also such officer and officers, as shal haue the kepyng of any the kynges seales, theyr ministers and clerkes shall and maye seale wrote and delyuer, and procure the sealynge writynge and delyuerynge of any suche thynge or thynges, concerninge the kynges highnes affaires, as afore sayde, without beinge bounde to procure any maner warraunte, or payinge any maner fees at or to the signet or priuey seale for the same: so that the name or names of euery suche person or personnes as shall procure the sealing of any such thing or thinges on the kinges behalfe, as afore sayde, be entred in the clerke of the Hanapers boke, after this sorte, *per, A. ad mandatum domini regis*: any thynge in this act conteyned to the contrary not withstandynge.

¶ Prouided also, that this acte nor any thyng conteined in the same, be not in any wise prejudiciall to any maner person or personnes, whiche here after shall haue by the kynges highnes, or by any his maiesties officers, the graunt or lease of any maner ferme or fermes to be sealed with any his highnes seales, the yerely rente wherof amounteth not aboue the somme of. vi. li. xiii. s. viii. d. sterlyng: but that as well euery suche person and personnes, as officer and officers, hauynge the custody of such seale or seales, theyr ministers and clerkes, may write seale and delyuer, or procure the writyng sealynge and delyueringe of any suche lease or leases, as afore sayde, without paying therfore any maner fees at or to the signet or priuy seale for the same: any thynge in this acte mencioned to the contrary not withstandinge.

¶ An acte for true makynge of wollen clothes. cap. xii.

FOr as moch as great infamy and sclaunder hath risen of late yeres in sondry outwarde parties beyonde the see, of the vntrue makynge of wollen clothes within this realme, to the great derogation of the common weale of the same, & to the no lyttell hynderaunce of the sale of the sayd cõmoditie. For remedy wherof be it ordeyned and enacted by the kynge our soueraygne lorde, the lordes spirytuall and temporall, and the commons in this presente parlyamente assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that after the feaste of sayncte Myghell tharchaungell nexte commynge, all and euery clothier within this realme, shall weaue or cause to be wouen his or theyr

theyr seuerall token or marke in all and euery clothe, kersey, and other clothes what so euer they be, made and wrought to be vttered and solde. And whan any suche clothe shall be redy made and dressed to be put to sale, euery of the same clothiers shall sette his seale of leade vnto euery of the same his or theyr clothes and kerseys, in whiche seale of leade shall be conteyned the true and iuste length of euery of the same clothes or kerseyes, as it shall be duly founde by euery buyer of the same, vpon due proufe therof to be tried by the water. And in case vpō any suche proufe to be made by any buyer of them at the water, there shalbe found lesse or smaller content in length, than is conteyned and specified in euery of theyr sayde seales: than euery of the said clothiers makynge suche defaulte shall lese and forfayte vnto euery such buier of the same, the double value of so moche clothe as shall wante and lacke of his sayde content in lengthe, at the onely syght and iugement of any two indifferent persons, that shall measure the same clothes and kerseys. And euery clothier sendynge or puttyng any of theyr clothes to sale, before such tyme as all and euer of the same clothes shalbe sealed by the awnager of the same counties, where it shall chance any of the said clothes so to be made: and also to be ordred and sealed by euery of the saide clothiers in forme afore saide, shall lese and forfayte his clothe or clothes, what so euer they be, the one half therof shall be to the kinges highnes, his heires and successours, and the other halfe to him or them that woll sue for the same by bylle, playnt, action of dette, or otherwise: in whiche action no wager of lawe, essoen, or protection shall be allowed.

¶ And it is further enacted by auctorite afore sayde, that after the said feast of saynct Mighell tharchaungell, euery brode clothe shall conteyne in brede seuen quarters of a yarde within the lystis at the leaste, and to hold the same content alwaies if it be proued at the water: The acte made in the fyfte yere of the reigne of our saide soueraine lorde, that euery brode clothe shuld conteyne two yardes in brede within the lystis, or any other thynge therin conteyned, touchinge the kepinge of the same brede of two yardes, in any wise not withstandinge. And euery kersey shall conteine in brede one yarde within the lystis at the leest, if it be proued in the water: vppon peine to forfayte for euery suche brode cloth. iii. s. iiii. d. and for euery such kersey .xx. d. To be recouered to the vse of the kinges highnes, and of any other that wol sue for the same in maner and forme before declared.

¶ Prouided alwaies, that this present acte extende not to any clothes, called set clothes, of all sortes made in the countie of Suff. not exceadynge the price of. xl vi. s. viii. d. the cloth, nor to any clothes called Tauestockes, westerne dosseynes, fryses, kendals, cottons, and all maner of course clothes, made for lynynges.

¶ And be it further enacted by the sayde auctorite, that the aunagers of any countie shall not seale any of the saide clothes with the kynges seale, vntyll suche time as they and euery of them shall be firste ordered and sealed with theyr contentis, according to the trewe meanynge of this present acte, in

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fourme aforesayd, vppon peyne of lesynge of his office. And that no buyer of any of the sayde clothes or kerseys, marked and sealed in fourme aforesaide, presume by any maner of sleight, meanes or ingines, to drawe, pull, or to stretche out any of the same clothes or kerseys, otherwise than to make them euen after they be wette, and to agree with the contentes specified and conteyned in the seale of euery of the same clothes and karseys, as nere as they canne, vpon peyne to forfayt the double value of euery clothe or kersey, so mysused contrary to the true intent and meanynge of this present act. To be leuied to the vse of the kynges highnes, and of any other that will sue for the same, in lyke maner and fourme as is before declared.

Prouided alwey, that al clothe here after made to be sold within the cities of Worcetour, the townes of Droitwich, Euesham, Kedirminster, and Bromesgroue, in the countie of Worcetour, shall be sealed with the seale of the serchers there, according to an acte of parlyament in that behalfe prouided and made, the. xxv. yere of the reygne of our sayde souerayne lord, and that the owners of the clothes made within the sayde citie and townes, shall not be compelled by this act, to put theyr owne seales to any clothes there made, or here after to be made.

An acte that whyte wollen clothes of. iiii. li. and vnder: and colored clothes of. iii. li. and vnder, maye be from henseforthe caried ouer the see. cap. xiii.

Where as by acte of parlyament, holden in the. v. yere of the reigne of our souerayne lord the kyng that nowe is, it was ordeyned and enacted, that no wollen cloth aboue the price of fyue markes, shulde be conueyed ouer the see vnrowed, vnbarbed, and vnshorne, vpon certayne penalties in the same acte expressed more at large. Whiche acte being put in execution, shall not onely redounde and tourne to the abatemētes of the kynges customes, but also growe to the vtter vndoinge of his gracis subiectes, cloth makers and marchauntes, conueyers of the said clothes: by reason that wolle is rysen to a farre greatter price, than it was at the makynge of the foresayde acte. For where a clothe was then commonly solde at fyue markes, it is nowe solde for foure pounde. And also by force of the sayde acte, the marchantes shuld be bound to dresse euery white cloth aboue the value of fyue markes on this syde the see, after that they haue bought them: whiche white clothe so dressed, whan they be brought in to the parties beyonde the see, and there by ꝑ buyers of them died & put in colours, than they muste be newely dressed, barbed, shorne, and rowed: and soo they shal be therby the lesse in substance of them selfes, and the worse to the sale, and solde for lesse price by tenne or twelue shillinges a pece beyonde the see, then they shulde be vndressed. Wherfore be it ordeyned and enacted by the kynge our souerayne lorde, his lordes spirituall and temporall, and the cō-

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mons in this presente parlyament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that euery white wollen cloth sold for foure pounds and vnder: & euery coloured clothe solde for thre pounds and vnder, maye be caried and conueyed into the parties of beyonde the see, there to be solde at the pleasure of the buyers of the sayde clothe or clothes vnbarbed vnshorne and vnrowed: any acte or actes to the contrary made not withstandynge.

¶ And ouer this be it ordeyned and enacted, by the sayde auctoritie, that if any person or personnes sende or conuey, or cause to be sente and conueyed into the partyes beyonde the see, any whyte wollen clothe aboue the value of foure pounds, or any coloured clothe aboue the price of thre pounds vnrowed, vnbarbed, and vnshorne, in other fourme than is afore said: that then the person or persons so offendyng, shall forfayte the value of the sayde clothes, so caried and cõueyed into the parties beyond the see: The one moitie of the same forfapture to be to the vse of our sayde soueraygne lorde the kynge, and the other moytie to euery person whiche woll or shall sue by bill, write, information, or other wyse agaynst any person for the same. And that the defendant in any plee, vpon any suche action be not admytted to wage his lawe, nor any protection or essoyne for any suche defendaunt be allowed in the same.

¶ An acte concernynge the custome of lether. cap. xiiii.

Where greate quantitie and moche haboundaunce of lether is dayly conueyed out of this realme, as well by estraunges as also by tanners and other the kynges subiectes, inhabited in diuers parties of this realme towardes the see costes, and in especially out of wales, Chesshire, and Cornewal, where lytel or no custome is paid for the same, which lether is cõmonly packed by the saide estrangers tanners and other the kinges subiectes in theyr houses, and so conueyed vnto the portes and hauens, where they entende to shyp the same: whiche packes so conueyed and brought to such portes and hauens to be shypped, be neuer there vnpacked, to be viewed what nombre of lether is conteyned in any suche packe, but entered in the customers bokes by and vpon the information and reporte of the said estrangers tanner or other personne transporter of the same lether. And al be it that the kynges highnes in suche places and portes hath very lytell custome payde for the same, yet for as moche as in suche places there is no better serche nor viewe hadde for the perfecte knowlege of the nomber and quantitie of the lether, soo by them packed, the kynges grace is moche deceyued of suche his customes as owghte therfore to accrue to his highnes. For where in the porte of London two personnes be named and appoynted by the wayer of the wolles within the same porte for the tyme beyng, to tel and nombre all suche lether by the hyde, accomptynge ten hides to the dyker, and also al woll felles, as within the same porte shall be shypped from tyme to tyme, which

which two persons be sworne before the customers of his great custome, truly and duely to do and execute their offices, in tellynge and nomberynge all suche lether and woll felles in the presence of the sayd customers, and of the comptroller of the same custome or of their deputies, who beinge present and viewynge the same, do make entree therof in their bokes. And after such tale made and entre taken, an other persone by the maire of London for the tyme beinge constituted and appoynted, is also sworne, truely to packe the same lether so told and entred in to the customers bokes, euery of the same teller & packers takynge suche fees for theyr labours, as of olde tyme haue ben vsed tymitted and accustomed, euery stranger paienge for custome of euery deker iiii. s. ix. d. and euery denisen. iiii. s. i. d. whiche lyke custome is also payed in the port of Hampton, but not in many other portes of this realme, especially in Wales, Chesshire, and Cornewayle, out of the whiche parties, by reason of suche smal customes, more lether is conueyed ouer the see, than out of other places of this realme, whiche is an occasion of the derth and greate prices of the same lether. For the redresse wherof, and to thentente that one maner of custome for euery suche deker of lether so conueyed ouer the see, as wel by denisens as estrangers, shalbe payde throwout this realme, Wales, and other the kynges dominions: and also that the kynges hyghnes maye be the better assured of his customes to be payed for all suche lether as shalbe hereafter caried and conueyed ouer the see: Be it enacted by thauctorite of this present parlyament, that from henseforthe no maner of estraunger nor denyson shall packe or cause to be packed any maner of lether, to be conueyed or shipped ouer the see out of this realme wales or other the kinges dominions, other wyse than in this acte is expressed, that is to saye, that all suche lether shal be hereafter packed by a packer sworne in euery suche port, where any lether shalbe shipped to be cõueied out of this realme wales or other the kynges dominions, vpon peyne of forfayture of al suche lether as hereafter shalbe packed contrary to the purporte of this acte, or of the value therof. And also that from henseforth euery straunger and denisen, which shal shypp sende or conuey any lether ouer the see, out or from any parte of this realme wales Chesshire or other the kynges dominions, shall paye like custome eor the same, as is vsed to be payd within the porte of London, that is to saye, euery straunger to paye for euery dyker of lether for custome. iiii. s. ix. d. And euery denisen. iiii. s. i. d.

¶ And be it also enacted, that within euery porte hauen and Creke within this Realme Wales and other the kynges dominions, where no tellers nor packers at this presente tyme be, nor before the makinge of this acte haue ben, that from henseforth the customers and comptrollers of euery such port hauen and creke, where suche lether shall be shypped to be conueyed in to the partyes beyonde the see, shall haue power by auctorite of this acte, to name constitute and appoynte one able person, to tell and nombre all suche lether as shall be at any tyme there shypped, whiche persone so named, shall be sworne by the customer and Comptroller of euery suche porte, hauen, and

Creke,

Creke, trewely and dewely to execute his office in the presence of the custo-
mer and comptroller of euery suche porte creke or hauen, where any suche
lether shall be shypped, or of his or their deputie or deputies, the same teller
takynge of euery estranger for the tellyng of euery diker of lether fyue pence:
wherof the same teller to haue for his labour two pence, and foure pence to
be to the commynaltie of the same towne and porte, towarde the payment of
their fee ferme and other their charges: And of euery denysen, not beinge a
free man of the sayde porte and hauen, for euery diker, foure pence, wherof
the teller to haue two pence, and other two pence to be to the communaltie of
the same porte or hauen, for thentent aboue declared: And of euery dyker by
any persone beinge a free man of suche porte and hauen, but onely two pence
for his labour. And that immediatly after suche tale hadde, and entre therof
made by the customer or his deputie, an other able persone named deputed
and assigned by the sayd customers and comptrollers of euery suche porte &
hauen, and before them sworne, trewely and dewely to do and execute his of-
fyce, shall packe all suche lether, so tolde and entered, euery packe to contein
as many dyker vnder the nombre of seuen diker, as it shall please the mar-
chant or owner therof to appoynte, takynge for his laboure for the packyng
of euery packe foure pence.

¶ And be it further enacted by the sayde auctoritie, that if any packer take
vppon hym to packe any lether before it be tolde or numbred and entre ther-
of made by the customer or his deputie, or at any time packe more lether then
shall be tolde and entred, accordynge to the purporte of this acte: that then
the same packer to forfayte and lose for euery tyme doinge the cõtrary. x. li.
and to suffre therfore imprisonement at the kynges pleasure. And also that
if the teller within any suche porte or hauen, at any tyme hereafter, take vp-
pon him to tel or nombre any lether in the absence of the customer comptrol-
ler, or of his or their deputie or deputies, than the same teller for euery tyme
so doinge to lose and forfayte fyue markes.

¶ And for as moche as dyuers estrangers cary and conuey their lether frõ
one porte to an other, and by the way cause the same lether to be packed, wht
the packes so cõueted be not vndone nor opened at their arriuall within the
portes, wherunto they be so transported: but there only entred by and vpon
the reporte & information of the marchant estranger, or of his factour, wher
by moche custome is conceled: Be it therfore also enacted by the sayde auc-
toritie, that if any estraunger, or other his factour, at any tyme hereafter,
do conuey & carie any lether, from one porte to an other, to the intent to ship
the same in suche other porte, wherunto it shall be soo conueyed, the same e-
straunger or other his factour for hym, before suche transportynge of the
same lether, shall cause the sayde lether, fyrste to be tolde within the same
porte, from whense he woll or intendeth to carie the same: and the same soo
tolde cause to be entered by the customer of the same porte, or his deputye:
and cause to be also packed by the sayde packer of the sayde porte, where
it shall be so tolde, takynge of the customer or customers of the same porte

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or hauen, or they? deputie or deputies a certificate, expressynge the nombre or quantitie of dikers of all the same lether, so to be caried and transported, directed to the customer of the other port or hauen, whereunto the same lether shall be so conueied, makynge mention also in the same certificat, whether the custome therof accordyngely be truely payed or not. And in case any suche lether be caried or conueyed frome one porte to an other, ther to be shypped, without haunge of suche certificate: that then the same lether, or the value therof to be forfayted.

¶ And be it further enacted, that no tanner within this realme, wales, or other the kinges dominions, or other persons occuppeng or haupng a tanne house, shall from henseforthe sende or cause to be conueied ouer the see, by way of marchandyse or otherwyse, any maner of lether tanned or untanned, upon peyne of forfayture of all suche lether, or the value therof. Nor that any person or persones at any tyme hereafter, shall cary or conuey ouer the see out of this realme, wales, or other the kynges dominions, any salte or untanned hides, or any lether called backes or sole lether, the kynges speciall lycence not optepned for the same, upon peyne of forfayture of all suche hydes and lether called backes or sole lether, or the value therof: The one halfe of all the sayde forfaytures to be to the kynges highnes, and the other halfe to any of his subiectes, that wyll pursewe for the same in any his courtes by action dette, byl, playnte, information, or otherwyse, in whiche suite none essoyn protection wager of lawe or other dilatorie plee for the defendant shal be admitted or allowed.

¶ Prouided alwayes, that this acte or any thynge therin conteyned, shall not be hurtefull, nor prejudicial to any captayne of any shyppe in the time of warre, beinge in the retinue and seruice of the kynges highnes: Nor to any owner or maister of any shyppe beinge the kinges subiecte, goinge into Islande, Danske, Norwey, or Southwarde beyonde the estraictes: but that euery suche captayne and maister of euery suche shyppe, durynge the warre tyme, and euery maister to suche shippes, passinge into the places before named, may and shall at their pleasure haue and carie salte hides in their shippes, so that euery of them shall not haue at suche viage, or during the warre, at any one tyme aboue the nombre of eyghte salte hydes, This acte or any thynge therin conteyned to the contrary in any wise not withstandynge.

¶ Prouyded alwayes, that hydes untanned of any beastes, beynge kylled within wales or the marches therof may be conueyed and caried in to outwarde partyes by any persone or persones from tyme to tyme, except only by tanners, and suche as haue tanne houses, in suche and lyke maner as they myght haue benne before the makynge of this acte, any thynge in the same mencioned to the contrary not withstandyng.

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¶ An acte wherby the kynges maiestie shall haue power to nominate. xxxii. persons of his clergie and laye fee for makynge of ecclesiasticall lawes. Cap. xv.

SIthen the beginnynge of this present parlyament there is an act ordeyned and establyshed accordynge to the purporte and effecte as hereafter foloweth, that is to say, where the kynges humble and obedient subiectes, the clergie of this realme of Englande, haue not onely knowleged accordynge to the truthe, that the conuocations of the same clergy is alwayes hath ben and oughte to be assembled onely by the kynges writte, but also submittynge them selfes to the kynges maiestie, hath promised in verbo sacerdotii, that they wyll neuer from hensforth presume to attempt allege claime or put in vre, or enact promulge or execut any newe canons constitutions ordinance prouincial or other, or by what so euer other name they shall be called in the conuocation, onelesse the kynges most royal assent and lycence may to them be had to make promulge and execute the same, and that his maiestie do gyue his moste royall assent and auctoritie in that behalfe: and where diuers constitutions ordinances and canons prouinciall or synodall, whiche heretofore haue ben enacted, and be thought not onely to be moche preiudiciall to the kynges prerogatiue royal, and repugnãte to the lawes & statutes of this realme, but also ouer moch onerous to his hyghnes & his subiectes, the sayd clergie hath most humbly besought the kynges highnes, that the saide constitutions and canons may be comitted to the examination, and iudgment of his hyghnes and of. xxxii. persons of the kynges subiectes, wherof. xvi. to be of the vpper and nether house of the parlyament of the temporaltie, and other. xvi. to be of the clergie of this realme, and all the sayde. xxxii. persons to be chosen and appoynted by the kynges maiestie, and that suche of the sayde constitutions and canons as shal be thought and determyned by the sayd. xxxii. persons, or the more part of them, worthy to be abrogated and adnulled, shal be abolyte and made of no value accordyngely: And suche other of the same constitucions and canons, as by the said. xxxii. or the more part of them, shalbe approued to stand with the lawes of god, and consonaunt to the lawes of this realme, shal stãd in theyr full strengthe and power, the kynges moste royall assente fyrst had and opteyned to the same: Be it therfore nowe enacted by auctoritie of this present parlyament, accordynge to the sayde submission and peticion of the sayde clergie, that they ne any of them from hensforthe shall presume to attempte allege claime or put in vre any constitutions or ordinances prouinciall or synodalles, nor any other canons: Nor shall enacte promulge or execute any suche canons constitutions or ordinances prouincial, by what so euer name or names they maye be called in their conuocations in tyme comming, which shalbe alway assembled by auctoritie of the kynges writ, onles ẏ same clergie may haue the kinges most royall assente and licence to make promulge & execute such canõs constitutiõs & ordinãces prouinciall or sino-

dalles, vppon peyne of euerye one of the sayde clergye, doinge contrarye to this act, and beinge therof conuicte, to suffre imprisonemente and make fyne at the kynges wyl.

¶ And for as moche as suche canons constitutions and ordinances, as here tofore hath benne made by the clergy of this realme, canne not nowe at the session of this present parlyament, by reason of shortenes of tyme, be viewed examyned and determyned by the kynges highnes and .xxxii. persons to be chosen and appoynted accordynge to the peticion of the sayd clergy in forme aboue rehersed: Be it therfore enacted by auctorite aforesayde, that the kinges hyghnes shall haue power and auctorite, to nominate and assygne at his pleasure the sayde. xxxii. persones of his subiectes, wherof .xvi. to be of the clergy, and .xvi. to be of the temporaltie, of the vpper and nether house of the parlyament. And if any of the sayde .xxxii. persons so chosen, shal happen to dye before their full determination, than his hyghnes to nominate other from tyme to tyme of the sayde .ii. houses of parlyament, to supply the nombre of the sayd .xxxii. And that the same .xxxii. by his hyghnes so to be named, shall haue power and auctorite to viewe serche and examine the said canons constitutions & ordenance prouincial and synodal heretofore made, and such of them as the kynges hyghnes and the sayd .xxxii. or the more parte of them shal deme and adiudge worthy to be continued kept and obeied, shalbe from thensefoorth kepte obeyed and executed within this realme, so that the kinges most royal assent vnder the greate seale, be fyrste had to the same. And the residue of the sayde canons constitutions and ordinaunces prouincial, whiche the kynges highnes & the sayde .xxxii. persons, or the more parte of them shall not approue, or deme and iudge worthy to be abolite abrogate & made frustrate, shal from thensefoorth be voyde and of none effect, and neuer be put in execution within this realme.

¶ Prouyded alway, that no canons constitutions or ordinance shalbe made and put in execution within this realme, by auctorite of the conuocation of the clergy, whiche shalbe contrariant or repugnant to the kynges prerogatiue royall, or the customes lawes or statutes of this realme: any thyng conteyned in this acte to the contrary herof notwithstandynge.

¶ Prouided also, that suche canons constitutions ordinances and synodals prouincial beinge all redy made, which be not contrariant nor repugnant to the lawes statutes and customes of this realme, nor to the damage or hurte of the kynges prerogatiue royal, shalbe nowe styl vsed and executed as they were before the makynge of this acte, tyll suche tyme as they be viewed serched or otherwyse ordered and determyned by the sayde .xxxii. persones or the more part of them, accordyng to the tenour forme & effect of this present act: as by the saide act amonges other thynges more at large is expressed.

¶ And for as moche as the kynges hyghnes hath not named and assigned the sayd .xxxii. persons sithen the makinge of the sayd act: be it therfore enacted by auctorite of this parlyament, that the kynges maiestie shall haue ful power and auctorite, as well afore as after the dissolution of this presente

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parliament at his libertie and pleasure to name and assigne.xvi. persons of the clergy, & xvi. lay persons of the temporalte. And if after such nomination any of the sayd persons happen to decesse, that then the kinges highnes shal haue power and auctoritie to nominate and assigne from time to tyme, other in their places, to supply the nombre of the said.xxxii. And that the said.xxxii. persons so to be nominated by his maiestie, at all tymes fromhensforth for the terme of thre yeres next after the dissolution of this parliament, shal haue power and auctoritie to assemble them selfes to gether from tyme to tyme by the kynges commaundement, for the bewe and perfeyghte execution of the sayd act, accordyng to thententes and true meanynge of the same, any thyng in the sayd acte to the contrary hereof notwithstandyng.

An acte concernynge enrolmentes of bargaynes and contractes of landes and tenementes. cap. xvi.

BE it enacted by the auctorite of this present parlyament, that from the laste date of Julii, whiche shall be in the yere of our lorde god. M.D.XXXVI. no manours landes tenementes or other hereditamentes shal passe alter or chaunge from one to a nother, wherby any estate of enherytaunce or free hold shal be made or take effecte in any person or personnes, or any vse therof to be made by reason onely of any bargayne and sale therof, excepte the same bargayne and sale be made by writing indented sealed and inrolled in one of the kinges courtes of record at westmynster, or els within the same countie, or counties, where the same manours landes or tenementes so bargained & sold lie or be, before the custos Rotulorz and.ii. iustices of the peace, and the clerke of the peace, of the same countie or counties, or two of them at the leaste, wherof the clerke of the peace to be one: and the same enrollmente to be had and made within sixe monethes next after the date of the same witynges indented, the same custos Rotulorum or iustices of the peace & clerke takyng for the enrolment of euery such wityng indented before them, where the lande compriſed in the same wrytinge excede not the yerely value of.xl.s. two shyllynges, that is to saye, xii.d. to the iustices, and.xii to the clerke: And for the enrollemente of euery suche wrytinge endented before them, wherin the lande compriſed excede the some of.xl.s. in yerely value. v.s. that is to say ii.s. vi.d. to the sayd iustices, and.ii.s. vi.d. to the sayd clerke for the enrolling of the same. And that the clerke of the peace for the tyme beinge within euery suche countie, shal sufficiently enrol and engrosse in parchement the same dedes or wrytinges indented, as is afore sayde, and the rolles therof at thend of euery yere shal delyuer vnto the sayde custos Rotulorum of the same countie for the tyme beinge, there to remayne in the custody of the sayde custos Rotulorum for the tyme being amongest other recordes of euery of the same counties, where any suche enrollementes shalbe so made, to thentent that euery partie that hath to doo therwith maye resorte and se the effecte & tenour

of euery suche writynge so enrolled.

¶ Prouyded alwayes, that this acte, nor any thynge therin conteyned, extende to any maner londes tenementes or hereditamentes, lyenge or being within any citie borough or towne corporate within this realme, wherin the mayres, recorders, chãberlains, bailiffes, or other officer or officers haue auctoritie or haue lawfully vsed to enroll any euydences dedes or other writinges within their precinct or limittes, any thinge in this acte conteyned to the contrary not withstandynge.

¶ An acte concernynge suche as ben put in trust by their maysters, and after do robbe them. Cap. xvii.

Where before this time diuers & many cupl disposed psones haue often & many tymes taken and stollen fro their maisters & maystresses diuers Jewels, plate, money, and other goodes and catalles, to the greate hurte and losses of their sayde maysters and maystresses. And not withstandynge the heinous offence contrary to the trust that the maister or maistres putteth in the seruantes, & contrary to the sayethe that the seruaunt of duetie shulde beare to his mayster or maystresse, yet whan they haue bene arrayned of the sayde felonies, manye of them haue ben admitted to their clergie, and some of them haue bene admytted to take the priuilege of sayntuarye, as other felons haue benne for offences not so heynous, to the greatte boldenes of other persones to commytte suche lyke offences, Be it therfore enacted, ordeyned, and establysshed, by the kynge our soueraygne lorde, with thassent of the lordes spiritual and temporall, and the commons in this presente parlyament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that if from henceforthe any seruaunt for the tyme beinge in seruyce of any person or persons happen to steale or felonously take awaye any Jewelles, money, plate, or other goodes or cattelles of his sayde maister or maystresse, or if hereafter any seruaunte, to whome any caskette, Jewelles, money, goodes or cattelles, shall be delyuered by his sayde mayster or maystresse, or by any other to their vse, withdrawe them selfe fro their sayde maysters or maystresses, and goo awaye with the sayde caskette, Jewelles, money, goodes, or other cattelles, or any parte therof contrary to the truste and confidence to hym or them putte by his or their sayde mayster or maistresse, or elles beinge in the seruyce of his sayde mayster or maystresse, without the assente or commaundement of his sayde mayster or maystresse, he embesselle the same caskette, iewelles, money, goodes, or cattelles, or any parte therof, or other wise conuerte the same to his owne vse, with lyke purpose to stele it, if the saide caskettes iewels plate money goodes or cattelles, that any such person shal take fro his maister or maistresse, be to the value of xl.s. or aboue, or if the sayde caskettes iewels goodes money or cattels, that any suche seruant after delyuery of the same, shall go away with: or whiche he shal imbesel with purpose to stele it, as is aforesaid, be of the value of xl.s.

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or aboue, that then euery such seruant, that so shal stele fro his said maister or maistres any suche iewelles goodes or catels, or imbesell any casket Jewels money plate or other goodes to hym deliuered, in maner before rehersed, and be found de giltie therof, or of any parcell of the same, accordynge to the lawe of the lande, or vpon his arraynement before any Justice confesse the same, shall fro mhensefoorth be put from his clergy, and be put to execution, as if he were no clerke.

¶ And be it further enacted by thauctoritie aforesayde, that euery suche persone or personnes, that so shall stele the goodes of his sayd mayster or maisters, or imbesell that that so to hym shall be deliuered, as is aforesayde, if the same goodes be of the value of .xl.s. as is aforesayde, shall lose the priuilege of all saintuaries: Any vse or custome heretofore had or vsed to the contrary not withstandynge.

¶ An acte for the preseruation of the ryuer of Thamise. Cap. xviii.

Where before this tyme the ryuer of Thamis amonge all other ryuers within this realme hath ben accepted and taken, and as it is in dede moste commodious and profitable to all the kynges liege people, and chiefely of all other frequented and vsed, as well by the kynges highnes his estates and nobles marchauntes and other repairing to the citie of London and other places shires and counties adioynynge to the same, whiche ryuer of Thamys is and hath bene moste mete and conueniente of all other for the sauegarde and ordrynge of the kynges Nauye, conueyance of marchandises, and other necessaries to and for the kynges most honorable housholde, and otherwise to the great releefe and comforte of all personnes within this realme, till nowe of late dyuers euyll disposed personnes partly by myserdetynge of the sayde ryuer by castinge in of dunge and other fylth layed nyghe the bankes of the sayde ryuer, dyggynge and vndermynynge of the bankes and walles nerte adioynynge to the same ryuer, carienge and couetenge away of wayshides shores pyles bordes tymber worke baleft for shyppes and other thinges from the saide bankes and walles in sondry places: by reason wherof greate shelpes and rysinges haue of late benne made and growen in the fayway of the sayde ryuer, and suche groundes as lye within the leuell of the sayde water marke by occasion therof haue benne surrounded and ouer flowen by rage of the sayde water, and many greatte breaches haue ensued and folowed there vpon, and dayly are like to do, and the sayd riuer of Thamis to be vtterly distroied for euer, if conuenient and spedy remedy be not soner prouyded in that behalfe.

¶ For reformation wherof be it enacted establysshed and ordeyned by the kynge our soueraygne lorde, and by thassent of the lordes spiritual and temporal, & the commons in this present parlyament assembled, & by thauctorite of the same, that if any person or persons, hereafter do or procure any thyng

to be done in the annoyinge of the ſtreme of the ſayd ryuer of Thamys, makynge of ſhelpes by any maner of meanes by mynynge dygging caſtyng of dunge rubbiſhe or other thinge in the ſame ryuer, or take plucke or conueye awaye any bourdes ſtakes pyles tymbre worke or other thyng from the ſaid bankes or walles, excepte it be to amende and repayre the ſame agayne, or digge or vndermyne any bankes or walles vpon the water ſyde of Thamis aforeſayde, to the hurte impayringe or damage of any of the ſayd walles or bankes: Than the ſame perſone or perſones and euery of them ſhal forfaite and pay for euery tyme ſo offendynge, one hundred ſhyllynges, the one moytie therof to be to the kynge our ſoueraygne lorde, and the other moitie ther of to the mayre and commynaltie of London for the tyme being, the ſame to be recouered and optayned by the mayre and commynaltie of London, by byll playnte writte of dette or information ſeuerally againſte euery offendour in any of the kynges courtes, in which actions and ſutes or any of them the partie defendant ſhall not be eſſoyned nor wage his lawe, nor any protection to be alowed in the ſame.

¶ And it is further enacted by auctorittie aforeſayde, that if complaynt ſhal happen to be made to the lorde Chauncellour of Englande, lord treaſourer, lord preſident of the kynges counſayle, lord pryue ſeale, or to any of them, by any perſon or perſones or body politike, that ſyr Thomas Spert knyght, nowe hauynge the office and ordering of and for balaſtyng for ſhippes, or any other that hereafter ſhall haue the ſayd office and order for balaſtynge of ſhippes, do take any baleſt for ſhippes nere to the ſayd ryuer of Thamis, or do not take for parcell of the ſayde balaſtynge the grauell and ſande of the ſhelpes betwene Grenehythe and Rychemonde within the ſayde ryuer of Thamis, or in any place or places, that is or ſhalbe to the damage or annoyaunce of the ſayd ryuer of Thamis, or any parte therof: that then vppon euery ſuche complaynt the ſayd lorde Chauncellour, lorde Treaſourer, lorde preſident of the kynges moſte honourable counſayle, lorde pryue ſeale, and euery of them, callynge bothe the chiefe Juſtices of eyther benche or one of them, ſhall haue power and auctorittie from tyme to tyme, to here and finally determyne euery ſuche complaynt by their diſcretions, and to put ſuch order therin, and for takyng of baleſt for ſhyppes vpon euery ſuch complaynt, as by their diſcretions ſhall ſeme moſte conuenient for the conſeruation of the ſayde ryuer of Thamis: and the parties offendyng ſuch order, ſhal ſuffre impriſonment, and make no leſſe fyne than fyue pounde to the kynges vſe, for euery tyme offendyng or brekyng the ſame.

¶ Prouided alwaye and be it enacted, that it ſhall be lauful to euery perſon and perſons to dygge cary and take away ſande grauelle or any other rubbyſhe erthe or thynge lienge or beinge in or vpon any ſhelpe or ſhelpes within the ſayd ryuer of Thamys, without let or interruption of any perſon or perſones, or payinge any thyng for the ſame, any thing conteined in this preſent acte to the contrary not withſtandinge.

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¶ An acte lymittinge an order for sayntuaries and saintuary persones. Cap. xii.

Where vpon trust of saintuaries and the licentious liberties that hereto fore haue ben and yet dayly ben vsed in the same, dyuers persons haue ben the more bolde to perpetrate and commytte many detestable murders rapes robberies thestes & other myscheuous detestable and abhominable dedes, for that they haue ben alwayes releued ayded and succoured by the sayntuaries, whan so euer and as ofte as they or any of them haue offended in any of the premisses, to the most greuous displeasure of almyghty god, and extreme detriment and hurte of the kynges subiectes: In auoydynge of such presumptuous boldnes, It is enacted ordeyned and establysshed by the kynge our soueraygne lorde, with the assente of his lordes spiritual and temporal, and the cõmons in this present parlyament assembled, and by auctorite of the same, that all and synguler person or persones, whiche nowe be or at any tyme hereafter shalbe priuileged in any saintuarie, within any of the kinges dominions, for murder or felony, from the fyrst day of Maye nexte commynge, shall dayly, whan so euer he or they be without the house or mansion, wherin they haue their lodgyng, weare a badge or cognisance, by the gouernour of euery saintuarie to be assigned and appoynted, openly vppon their vpper garment, of the compasse in length and bredth of tenne inches, vpon peine that they and euery of them, whan so euer and as often as any of theym beinge out of the sayde house or mansion, wherin he hath his sayde lodgynge, shall be founden and taken without the same badge or cognisance, clerely to lose and forfaite his or their priuilege and auantage of saintuarie. And that it shall be lawfull to all and synguler the kinges subiectes to apprehend and take euery suche offender and offenders, beinge without his badge or cognisance, as aforesaide: and hym to bring out of the saintuarie into the next gaole, there to remayne vnto the next gaole delyuere, and then to be tryed, accordynge to the due course and order of the lawe, as thoughe he had neuer ben priuyleged in any suche sayntuary.

¶ And also be it enacted by the auctorite aforsaid, that no maner of the said priuileged persons, at any tyme hereafter beare occupie or weare vpon them any maner of sworde knyfe or other wepon, other than their meate knyues, and the same meate knyues but at their meales only, vpon pein as is aboue rehersed.

¶ Furthermore be it enacted by the sayd auctorite, that if any of the sayde priuileged persons at any time after the sayde fyrst Maye date, fortune to be founde apprehended or taken out of his or their lodgyng, before the sonne ryssyng in the mornynge, or after the sonne goinge downe in the euenynge, the same priuileged personne so founde apprehended or taken shall at the fyrste tyme, for his so offendynge, suffre imprisonment within the same saintuary, by the space of. ii. dayes, and at the seconde tyme to haue imprisonement by

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the ſpace of ſyxe dayes, and at the thyrde tyme, that he ſhalbe ſo founden apprehended or taken out of his ſaid lodging, contrary to the order before mencioned, and the ſame being ſubſtantially proued by indifferent proues therof to be made before the lorde chancellour of Englande for the tyme beinge, to forfayte and loſe his or theyr priuilege of ſayntuary.

¶ Alſo be it further enacted by the ſayd auctorite, that if any maner of ſayntuary perſone or perſones of prepenſed malyce at any tyme hereafter do reſkewe or reſyſte any of the gouernours afore ſayd, or theyr deputies, in executynge of their office, in takynge and impriſonynge of any of the perſonnes priuileged, offendyng contrary to the tenour of this acte, that then he or they that ſhall fortune to make reſkewes: ſhall be here after taken out of ſayntuarye, and to ſuffre and be tried as felons in euery thynge.

¶ And ouer that be it enacted by the auctorite aforeſaid, that al maner of cõtractes of dette vnder. xl.s. treſpaces & couenantes, ꝑ at any tyme here after ſhal hapen to be made or grow within any of ꝑ ſaid ſaintuaries betwene any of the ſayd priuileged perſon or perſons & other inhabitantes within any ſuche ſentuarye, that the gouernours or their deputie of any of the ſame ſaintuaries, where any ſuch contract treſpas or couenant ſhal fortune to be made growe or be, as is aforeſayde, ſhall haue fulle power and authoritie by this preſente acte, to order iudge and determyne the ſame, accordynge as it ſhall be dewely there proued afore the ſayd gouernour or gouernours.

¶ An acte conteynynge an order for tythes through the realme. cap. xx.

FOr as moche as dyuers numbres of euyll diſpoſed perſons, inhabited in ſondry counties cities townes and places of this realme, hauinge no reſpect to their dueties to almyghty god, but agaynſte righte and good conſcience haue attempted to ſubtract & withold in ſome places the hole, & in ſome places great partes of theyr tithes & oblations, as well perſonall as predtall, due vnto god & holy church, & purſuing ſuch theyr deteſtable enormities and iniuries, haue attempted in late time paſt to diſobey contemne and diſpiſe the proceſſe lawes and decrees of the eccleſiaſticall courtes of this realme, in more temerous & large maner than before this tyme hath ben ſene. For reformation of which ſaide iniuries, and for vnitie and peace to be preſerued amongeſt the kinges ſubiectes of this realme, our ſoueraygne lorde the kynge, beynge ſupreme heed in erthe vnder god of the churche of Englande, willynge the ſpirituall rightes and dueties of that church to be preſerued continued and mayntayned, hath ordeyned and enacted by auctorite of this preſent parliament, that euery of his ſubiectes of this realme of Englande Irelande wales and Caleis and marches of the ſame, accordyng to the eccleſiaſtical lawes and ordinances of his churche of Englande, and after the laudable vſages and cuſtomes of the pariſhe or other place where he dwelleth or occupieth, ſhal yeld

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and paye his tythes offeringes and other dueties of holy churche: And that for ſuche ſubtractions of any of the ſayde tithes offerynges or other duities the perſon vicar curate or other partie in that behalfe greued, maye by dewe proces of the kynges eccleſiaſticall lawes of the churche of England conuēt the perſon or perſonnes ſo offendynge before his ordinary, or other competent iudge of this realme, hauyng auctorite to here and determine the right of tithes, and alſo to compel the ſame perſon or perſonnes offendynge to do and pelde theyr ſayd dewties in that behalfe. And in caſe the ordinary of the dioceſſe, or his cōmiſſary, or the archedecon or his officiall, or any other competente iudge aforeſayde, for any contempte contumacy diſobedyence or other miſdemeanour of the partye defendaunte, make information and requeſte to any of the kynges moſte honorable counſel, or to the iuſtices of the peace of the ſhire where ſuche offendour dwelleth, to aſſiſte or ayde the ſame ordinary commiſſary archedecō officiall or iudge, to order or reſourme any ſuche perſon in any cauſe before rehерſed: That then he of the kynges ſayde honorable counſaylle, or ſuche two Juſtices of peace, wherof one to be of the Quorum, to whom ſuche information or requeſt ſhalbe made, ſhal haue full power and auctorite by vertue of this acte to attache or cauſe to be attached the perſon or perſonnes, ayenſte whom ſuche information or requeſt ſhal be made, And to committe the ſame perſon or perſonnes to warde, there to remayne without bayle or mainprize, tyl ꝑ he or they ſhall haue found ſufficiēt ſuertie, to be bounde by recogniſaunce or other wyſe before the kinges ſayd counſayllour, or iuſtice of peace, or any other lyke counſaillour or Juſtice of peace, to the vſe of our ſayde ſoueraygne lorde the kynge, to gyue dewe obedience to the proces procedynges decrees & ſentences of ꝑ eccleſiaſticall court of this realme, wherin ſuche ſuite or matet for the premiſſes ſhall depende or be. And that euery of the kynges ſayd counſayllours, or two iuſtices of the peace, wherof one to be of the Quorum as is aforeſayd, ſhal haue ful power and auctorite by vertue of this acte to take receyue and recorde recogniſances and obligations in any of the cauſes aboue wrytten.

¶ Prouided alway, that this acte or any thynge therin conteyned ſhall not extende to any inhabitaunte of the citie of London, for or concernynge any maner of tithe offeringe or other eccleſiaſticall duetie growen and due to be paied or yeldē within the ſame citie, bicauſe there is an other order made for the payment of tithes and other duities within the ſaid citie.

¶ Prouided alſo that euery perſon and perſonnes, beinge partie or parties to any ſuche ſuite, ſhall and maye make and haue his and theyr lawful accion demaunde or proſecution appeles prohibitions and al other their lawful defences and remedies in euery ſuche ſuite, accordynge to the ſayde eccleſiaſticall lawes, and lawes and ſtatutes of this realme, in as ample and liberall maner and fourme, as they or any of theym myghte haue hadde, yf this acte hadde neuer benne made: Any thynge in this acte aboue wrytten not withſtandynge.

¶ Prouided alwayes and be it enacted by auctorite afore ſayde, that this act

acte for recouerynge of tythes, ne any thynge therin conteyned, shal take force or effecte, but onely vntyll suche tyme as the kynges highnes, and suche other. xxxii. personnes, whiche his highnes shall name and appoynte for the makynge and establyshinge of such lawes, as his highnes shall affirme and ratifie to be called the ecclesiasticall lawes of his churche of Englande: And after the sayde lawes so ratified and confirmed, as is aforesayde, that then the saide tythes, to be paied to euery ecclesiasticall personne, accordynge to suche lawes, and none other wise.

¶ An acte lymittinge an order for payment of tithes within the citie of London. Cap. xxi.

BE it enacted by the auctorittie of this presente parlyamente, that all and euery the citesens and inhabitauntes of the citie of London, and suburbes within the liberties of the same, shall at this present tyme of Ester nexte commynge paye vnto the curates of the sayde citie and suburbes, all suche and lyke sommes of money for tythes oblations and other duities, as the sayde citesens and inhabitantes by the order of my lorde Chauncellour and other of the kynges moste honorable counsayll and the kynges proclamation, paied or ought to haue paid by force and vertue of the sayde order, at Ester that was in the yere of our lorde god. M.D.XXXV. And the same paymentes so to continue frome tyme to tyme, vntyll suche tyme as any other order or law shalbe made publyshed ratified and confirmed by the kynges highnes, and the. xxxii. personnes by his grace to be named, as well for the full stablyshment concernyng the paiment of al tythes oblations and other dueties of the inhabitauntes within ꝑ saide citie and suburbes within the liberties of the same, as for the makyng of other ecclesiastical lawes of this realme of England. And that euery personne denienge to pay as is aforesayd, shall by the commaundemente of the maire of London for the tyme beinge, be committed to prisonne, there to remayne vntyll suche tyme as he or they haue agreed with the curate and curates for theyr saide tithes oblations and other duities, as is aforesayde.

¶ An acte concernynge decay of houses and inclosers. Cap. xxii.

WHere as in the fourth yere of the reigne of the noble kynge of famous memorie Henry the. vii. father to the kynges hyghnes our soueraygne lorde that nowe is, it was ordeyned establyshed & enacted amonges other thinges, that euery owner of any mese, which within thre yeres next before the same. iiii. yere, was or after that tyme shuld be letten to ferme with. xx. acres of lond at the least, lieng in tillage & husbandry, shuld be bound to kepe & sustein the housing & building of the same mese conuenently for the maintenãce of husbãdri & tillage: & if any owner of ꝑ same shuld fortune to occupy

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any ſuche meſe or lande in his owne handes, he ſhulde be bounde to vpholde and ſuſteyne the ſame, as it is before reherſed: And if any perſō happened to doo the contrary, than it ſhulde be lefull vnto the kynge, or vnto the lordes, of whom any ſuche meſe or landes is holden immediatelye, to take yerely the one halfe of thiſſues and profites of all and euery ſuche tenemente, without payenge any thynge for the ſame, vntyll ſuch tyme as the houſyng ſhuld be buylded, or reedified agayn, and the lōdes therof conuerted into tyllage: and that no perſon ſhuld haue clayme or chalenge any fre holde in the ſame land or tenementes by takyng of any ſuche profettes, but only that it ſhuld be lefull vnto the kyng and other lordes to diſtrayne for the payment of the mo-tie of the yerely yſſues reuenues and profittes of the ſame, like as in the ſaid acte more at length is conteyned. By reaſon of whiche ſayde ſtatute and or-denance diuerſe and many meſes, whiche be holden immediatly of the kyn-ges hyghnes, within late yeres haue ben buylded and reedified, and the lon-des there vnto belongyng conuerted ayen into their fyrſte nature of tyllage and huſbandry, accordynge to the tenour and purport of the ſayd good and gracious acte. And all other ſuch meſes and londes as be holden immediat of any other lordes, be and remayne vnto this preſent daye proſtrate vnbuil-ded and the londes therof conuerted and employed onely into paſture, and to no other purpoſe, to the greatte decaye of all maner of victualles within this realme, and to the derogation and hynderance of the common welthe of the ſame many wayes. And for as moche as in the ſayde acte was no other remedy prouided for and agaynſt al thoſe perſons that do or ſhuld hold any manours meſes landes or tenementes of other lordes, for not repairing and reedifienge of the houſes, and conuertynge the ſayd londes into tyllage and houſbandrye, accordynge to the trewe and vertuous meanynge of the ſame good act, but onely euery lorde immediate mought haue and diſtrayne for the mottie of the profittes of all and euery ſuche meſe and londes decayed in fourme aforeſaide, as in the ſame acte among other thynges more at length it is declared. And alſo for that the lordes immediat & thother meane lordes haue not put the ſayd good acte in dewe and playne execution, accordyng to the tenour therof, as they ought and mought haue done, a great nomber of the houſes meſes tenementes and acres of lond, which at the makyng of the ſaid good act were in ruine and decay, and the londes therof conuerted from tillage into paſture, do yet remayne vnbuilded vnreedified, and al the lon-des to them belonging hitherto be kepte and vſed into paſture, and not con-uerted ayen into tyllage, accordynge to the purpoſt true meanynge and in-tente of the ſaide acte. And ſoo by this meanes diuers and ſondrye perſons, whiche holde not theyr landes and tenementes immediate of the kynges hyghnes, haue and daily do from time to time decaye and lette fal downe no ſmall nomber of meſes and houſes of huſbandry: And alſo do conuerte the londes of the ſame from tyllage and huſbandrie into paſture, to the moſt pe-rillous example of al other being in lyke caſe, and to the greattes abuſe and diſorder of the naturall ſoyle of the ground, that by any maner of inuention

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coulde be practised or imagined. Be it therfore enacted ordeyned and establyshed by the kynge our soueraygne lorde, and by the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parlyament assembled, and by thauctoritie of the same that the kynge our soueraygne lorde, his heires and successours, from and after the feest of sainct Michael tharchaungel, whiche shall be in the yere of our lorde god. M.D.XXXVIII. shall take and haue the moytie of all issues reuenues rentes & profites coming & growinge of all & singuler meses londes & tenemētes nowe and then remaining inclosid decayed or conuerted from tillage into pasture, contrary to the tenour & true meaninge of the sayde acte, made in the sayde fourth yere of kyng Henry the vii. and beinge at this present day so founde alredy by office and verdite of xii. men, or whiche hereafter at any tyme by lyke office and verdite shall be founde, of whome so euer they be holden, whiche haue ben decayed and conuerted from tyllage into pasture sithe three yeres nexte before the forsayde fourth yere of the raygne of the sayde noble kynge Henry the. vii. vntyll suche tyme as the ownera of the sayde meses landes and tenementes shal haue buylded and reedified agayne in and vppon conuenient places of the sayde meses londes and tenementes for euery fyfty acres, forty acres, or thyrty acres of londe, one sufficient tenement mete for an honest man to dwel in, and also vntyll suche tyme as the same owners haue conuerted, or caused all the sayde landes soo mysused to be conuerted frome pasture in to tyllage ayen, accordyng to the nature of the soile and course of husbandry vsed in the cuntrey where any suche landes do lye, and accordynge to the true entente and meanynge of the sayde acte.

¶ Prouided alwayes and be it enacted by the auctorite aforesayd, that if any owner of landes and tenementes, at any tyme after the last day of April, in the yere of our lorde god. M.D.XXXVI. decay any house of housbandry, hauynge. xx. acres of errable land at the least therunto lyeng in tillage, or conuert the same land into pasture, contrary to the true intent & menyng of the said acte: than if the lorde, of whom any such house and landes be thē holden immediatly do not take the benefite of the saide acte, concernyng takynge of the moitie of the profettes of the same house and landes soo mysused, as is aboue rehersed, within one yere nexte after the sayd decay, or with in one yere nexte after the conuertyng of the sayd land from tillage into pasture, the kynges highnes in default of the sayde lordes immediat shall and maye from and after any office founde therof haue and take the one moytie of all the issues reuenues and profittes comming and growinge of the same house and landes so decayed or conuerted frome tyllage into pasture, vntyll such tyme as the owner of the said house and landes so mysused haue reedyfied the same house, and conuerted and put the same lādes ayen into tillage, accordynge to the nature of the soile and course of housbandry vsed in the countrey there, as is aboue rehersed.

¶ Prouided alwey, that the kynges highnes shall not haue cleyme or chalenge any freholde or tenure in or to any of the premisses by takynge of the

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moitr of any ſuche p̄fites, no; that any lo;de of whome any ſuche meſes o; londes be holden, ſhal loſe ne fo;fayt any their tenures ſeruice o; other their right of and in the ſame, but only that his highnes his heires & ſucceſſours ſhall haue ful power by vertue of this p̄ſent acte, after the findyng always of any office o; offices from tyme to tyme, onely to diſtrayne fo; paymente of the mottie of the yerely iſſues reuenues and p̄fites of all ſuche londes and tenementes, as be vnto the kinges highnes limitted and appoynted by this act, acco;dyng to the true intent and meanyng of the ſame acte, vntyll ſuch tyme as the true intent and purpoſe of this p̄ſente acte ſhall be dewely and truely put in execution in euery behalfe to all intentes, as is befo;e declared.

¶ Pro;uided alſo that this act no; any thing therin conteyned, be in any wiſe p̄iudiciall o; hurtefull to any infant within thage of .xxi. yeres, no; to any perſon o; perſons being out of the kynges realme fo; any iſſues and p̄fites to be leuied perceyued o; taken by vertu of this p̄ſent act, as longe as they ſhall be within age, o; out of this realme, no; ſhall extende to any marſhe o; fenne groundes, no; to any manours landes o; tenementes, beinge encloſed at this p̄ſente day, within any fo;eſt parke o; chaſe, wherin be dere belongynge vnto the kinges hyghnes, o; to any temp;al lo;de, knighte, o; ſquier of this realme of England o; wales, ſo that they haue licēce opteined at this p̄ſent daye of the kynges ſayde highnes, o; of any his noble p̄progenytours to imparke the ſame, & alſo haue compowned with the owners therof, that the ſame owners be ſatiſfied fo; the ſame: any thinge in this acte to the contrary not withſtandynge.

¶ Pro;uided alwais that this p̄ſent act extend not no; be in any wiſe hurtfull o; p̄iudicial vnto any owners of any londes o; tenementes in any coũties of this realme of England, but only vnto al & euery the counties hereafter ſpecified, that is to ſay, the counties of Lincolne, Nottingham, Leicetur, warwyke, Rutlande, No;thampton, Bedfo;d, Bukyngeham, Orfo;de, Berkſ. the yle of wyght, Wo;cetur, Herf. and Cambrige.

¶ An acte fo; the p̄ſeruation of hauens and po;tes in the counties of Deuõſ and Co;nwall. Cap. xviii.

Vhere by a ſtatute made in this p̄ſent parliament fo; & concerninge the amendinge and mayntenance of the hauens and po;tes of Plimmouth, Dartmouth, Teinmouth, Falmouth, & Fowey, in the countie of Deuonſhy;e and Co;nwal, amonge other thinges it was o;deyned & enacted, that no perſon o; perſones, fro; and after the feaſt of ſaint Michael tharchangel, which was in the. xviii. yere of the reygne of the kinges highnes that now is, ſhuld labour o; wo;ke, o; cauſe to be laboured o; wrought in any maner of tin wo;kes called ſtreme wo;kes, within the ſaid counties of Deuõſ o; Cornwal, nygh to any of the freſhe waters ryuers o; lowe places, diſcendyng o; hauynge courſe vnto the ſayd hauens o; po;tes, o; any of them, no; ſhuld labour dygge o; waſhe any

tinne in any of the sayde tin wozkes, called streme wozkes, oneles the sayde dygger, owner, oz washer shuld make oz cause to be made sufficiente hatches and tyes in thend of theyz buddels and cozdes, and therin put & lay, oz cause to be put and layde all the sayde stones grauel and robel dygged about thenserchyng fyndyng and washing of the said tynne, there to be holly and surely kepte by the sayde hatches & ties out and from the sayd freshe riuers oz water courses oz any of them, so that the sayde stones grauell and robel ne any parte therof, be foz lacke of such hatches oz ties conueied into the said pozres and hauens, oz any of them, vpon peyne to forfayte foz euery tyme that any owner oz digger shuld digge oz washe, oz cause to be digged oz washed any tynne, contrarye to the fourme afozesayde. r. li. Thone halfe therof to be to the vse of our soueraygne lozde the kynge, and the other halfe therof to be to any of thinhabytauntes of the sayd pozte townes oz hauens, that wolde sue foz the same in any of the kynges courtes by oziginall writte, bylle, playnte, informacion, oz otherwise, wherin the defendaunt shulde not be admitted to wage his lawe, ne any pzotection oz essoyne shoulde be allowable, as in the sayde acte amonge other thynges mozeplaynely is expzessed and declared. And bycause sythe the makynge of the sayde statute, thenhabitauntes of the sayde pozte townes oz hauens, haynge lytel regarde respecte loue oz affection, to the amendynge and maintenance of the same townes and hauens, noz to their posteritie, as they ben naturally bounden and obliged, haue permitted and suffred the sayde owners and diggers to perseuer & continue in digging serching & washing of tyn, nyghe the said freshe waters ryuers oz lowe places, not makyng sufficient hatches & tyes, as by the said statute is pzouided & ozdeined without any maner of sute comensed oz pursued by the sayde inhabitantes, accozding to the tenour of the said acte, to the great animation and encouragyng of thoffendours, and to thutter vndoynge and destruction of the sayd pozt, townes, and hauens. The kynges maiestie myndynge and entendynge the suppoztation and mayntenance of his sayde townes and hauens, and the animaduertion & cozrection of the said offendours, hath by the assent of the lozd spyritual and tmepozal, & the cõmons in this pzsent parliament assembled, and by thauctoritie of the same, ozdeyned, enacted, & stablisshed, that no pson oz psons hereafter shall labour oz wozke, oz cause to be labozed oz wzought in any maner of tyn wozkes, called streme wozkes within the sayd counties of Deuonshire oz Cornewal, nygh to any of the said freshe waters ryuers oz lowe places, discendyng oz haynge course vnto the sayde hauens oz pozres, oz any of them, noz shall labour, dygge, oz washe any tyn in any of the sayd tyn wozkes, called streme wozkes, onles the sayde dygger, owner, oz washer shall make, oz cause to be made sufficient hatches and tyes in thende of their puddelles and cozdes, and therin putte and laye, oz cause to be put and layde all the sayd stones, grauell, and robbell, dygged aboute thenserchynge, fyndynge, and washynge of the sayde tyn, there to be holly and surely kepte by the saide hatches and ties, out and from the saide freshe riuers oz water courses, oz any of them: so that ꝑ said sand, stones, grauel, & robel,

rebell, ne any parte therof, be for lacke of ſuche hatches or tyes conueyed in to the ſaid portes & hauens, or any of them, vppon peine to forfaite for euery tyme, that any owner, tynner, digger, or laborer ſhal digge or waſhe or cauſe to be dygged or waſhed, any tynne contrary to the fourme aforeſayde. xx. li. Thone halfe therof to be to thuſe of his hyghnes, and thother halfe therof to be to any of his graces ſubiectes, that wylle ſue for the ſame in any of his graces courtes by originall writ byl plaint information or other wiſe, wherin the defendant ſhall not be admitted to wage his lawe, ne any protection or eſſoyne ſhalbe allowable.

¶ And it is further enacted by thauctorite aforeſayde, that if any perſone or perſones ſhall happen to be ſued, accuſed, indited, impriſoned, amerſed, condempned, or otherwyſe vexed or troubled in his perſone, londes, tynne workes, goodes, or cattalles, by any of the myniſters or officers of any the kynges courtes of ſtannerye, or by any other perſone or perſones for purſuinge or attemptynge any ſuite or action accordynge to this eſtatute, ayenſte ſuche perſone or perſons as ſhall offende contrary to the fourme aforeſayde: that then al ſuche ſuites accuſementes inditementes impriſonementes actions condemnations kynes amerciamentes, and euerye other acte or actes, to be doone in any of the ſayde courtes of ſtannerye, or elles where, by any perſone or perſones ayenſt any perſon or perſones for ſuyng or attemptyng, any ſuites or actions by vertue of this ſtatute, ſhalbe vtterly voyde and of none effecte in the lawe: And that the partye ſued indited accuſed impryſoned, or otherwiſe greued or moleſted for purſuing ayenſt any perſone or perſones offendynge this ſtatute, ſhal haue his action and remedy grounded vpon this ſtatute by originall wrytte, byl, playnt, information, or otherwiſe in any of the kynges courtes, ayenſt ſuche as ſhall procure, or attempte, to vexe, trouble, or otherwiſe moleſt any ſuche perſon or perſons for ſewing or purſewyng of the forfaytures aforeſaid, and ſhall recouer treble damages in that behalfe, and the partie defendaunt ſhall not be admitted to wage his lawe, ne any protection, eſſoyne, nor priuilege ſhall be to hym allowable.

And yf it ſhall happen any perſone or perſones, for purſuynge any ſuite or action vpon this ſtatute, or by occaſion of the ſame hereafter to be impryſoned by any maner of perſon or perſons beinge officers or miniſters of the courte of ſtannery, their deputies or ſubſtitutes: that then euery of the iuſticiers of peace within any of the counties aforeſayde, wherin the ſayde pryſoner ſhal happen to be committed to priſon, vpon credible information therof, takynge ſuretie by his diſcretion for appearance of ſuche pryſoner at the nexte generall ſeſſions of peace, ſhall haue power and auctorite as well to directe his warraunte to the gaoler or keper of the priſon, as to any other perſon or perſons, to whom the ſayd pryſoner ſhall be committed vnto, commaundynge hym or them vpon peyne of forfayture of. xl. li. to deliuer and put at large the ſayde pryſoner or pryſoners, whiche if he refuſe ſo to do, then euery ſuche offendour ſhall loſe and forfayte the ſayd. xl. li. Thone halfe of whiche forfaiture to be to the vſe of our ſouereyn lorde the kyng, & the other

halfe to hym that is greued by reaſon of ſuche impriſonement, to be retour-
ned in maner and forme aforeſayd: And the defendant in any action or ſuite
for the ſame ſhal not wage his law, ne haue any eſſoin or protection allowed.
And if it ſhal appere vpon thapparance of ſuch priſoner at the quarter ſeſſi-
ons by exampynatyon of the Juſtyceyars of peace there beynge, that he was
impriſoned contrary to the fourme of this ſtatute: that then he ſhall be forth
with diſmiſſed and therby diſcharged. And if he were laufully impriſoned
for any other iuſte cauſe, than to be remaunded to priſon by the diſcretion of
the ſayde Juſticiars.

¶ Prouyded alway, that this acte or any thynge therin conteyned be not in
any wyſe prejudiciall or hurtefull to any of the officers of the ſtannerie, ne
to any of their laufull lyberties, priuyleges, vſages, lawes, or cuſtomes, ſa-
uinge onely in the caſes and prouiſions conteined and limitted within this
preſent acte, whiche ſhall alway be put in execution, accordynge to the tenour
of this acte: any vſage cuſtome priuilege ordinaunce or lybertie to the con-
trary therof not withſtandynge.

¶ An acte for recontinuinge of certaine liberties and francheſes here-
tofore taken from the crowne. Cap. xxv.

WHere dyuers of the mooſte auncient prerogatiues and auctori-
ties of Juſtice, appertaynynge to the imperiall crowne of this
realme, haue bene ſeuered and taken frome the ſame by ſondry
gyftes of the kynges mooſte noble progenitours kynges of this
realme, to the great diminution & detriment of the royall eſtate
of the ſame, and to the hyndrance and greate delaye of Juſtice. For refor-
mation wherof be hit enacted by auctorytie of this preſent parlyamente, that no
perſone or perſons, of what eſtate or degree ſo euer they be of, from the firſte
day of July, whiche ſhal be in the yere of our lord god. M. D. XXXVI. ſhal
haue any power or auctorytie to pardon or tempte any treaſons, murders,
manſlaughters, or any kyndes of felonies, what ſo euer they be: nor any ac-
ceſſaries to any treaſons, murders, mãſlaughters, or felonies, or any vtlau-
ries for any ſuche offences aforeſayd, committed, perpetrated, done, or diuul-
ged, or hereafter to be committed, done, or diuulged, by or agaynſt any per-
ſon or perſones in any parties of this realme, Wales, or the marches of the
ſame, but that the kynges hyghnes, his heires and ſucceſſours kynges of
this realme, ſhall haue the hole and ſole power and auctorytie therof vnited
& knyt to the imperiall crowne of this realme, as of good ryght and equitie
it appertayneth, any grauntes, vſages, preſcription, act or actes of parlia-
ment, or any other thynge to the contrary hereof not withſtandynge.

¶ And be it alſo enacted by auctorite afore ſayd, that no perſon or perſons,
of what eſtate, degree, or condicion ſo euer they be, from the ſayd firſt day of
July, ſhall haue any power or auctorytie to make any Juſtices of Eire, Ju-
ſtices of aſſiſe, Juſtices of peace, or Juſtices of gaole delyuerie: but that all

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such officers and ministers shall be made by letters patentes under the kinges great seale, in the name and by auctorite of the kynges highnes, and his heires kynges of this realme, in al shires, counties, counties palantine, and other places of this realme, wales, and marches of the same, or in any other his dominions, at their pleasure and wylles, in suche maner & forme as Justices of Eire, Justices of assise, Justices of peace, and Justices of gaole delyuerie be commonly made in euery shire of this realme, any grantes vsages, prescriptions, allowances, acte or actes of parlyament, or any other thynge or thynges to the contrary therof not withstandynge.

¶ And be it further enacted by auctorite of this present parlyamente, that all originall writtes, and iudiciall writtes, and all maner of enditementes of treason, felonye, and trespas, and all maner of praces to be made vppon the same in euery countie palantine and other libertie within this realme of Englande, wales, and marches of the same, shall from the said first day of July, be made onely in the name of our said soueraigne lorde the kynge, and his heires kynges of Englande. And that euery person or persons, hauynge suche countie palantine, or any other suche lybertie to make suche originals, iudicials, or other processe of Justice, shall make the Teste in the said original writtes and iudiciall in the name of ꝑ same person or persons, that haue suche countie palantine or lybertie. And that in euery writte and enditement, that shall be made within any suche countie palantine or lybertie, after the said first daye of July next commynge, wherby it shalbe supposed any thynge to be done agaynste the kynges peace, shall be made and supposed to be done onely agaynste the kynges peace, his heires and successours, and not against the peace of any other persō or persons, what so euer they be, any acte of parlyamente, graunte, custome, vsage, or allowance in Eire before this tyme had, graūted, or vsed to the contrary not withstādyng.

¶ Prouided alway, that Justices of assises, Justices of gaole delyuerie, & Justices of peace to be made and assigned by the kynges highnes within the countie palantine of Lancaster, shall be made and ordeyned by commission vnder the kynges vsuall seale of Lancaster, in maner and fourme as hathe benne accustomed, any thynge in this acte to ꝯe contrarye therof not withstandynge.

¶ Prouided also, that all cities, boroughes, and townes corporate within this realme, whiche haue lybertie, power, and auctorite to haue Justices of peace, or Justices of gaole delyuerie, shall stylle haue and enioye their lyberties and auctorities in that behalfe, after suche lyke maner as they haue ben accustomed, without any alteration by occasion of this acte, any thyng in this acte, or in any artycle therin conteyned to the contrarye therof not withstandynge.

¶ And it is ordeyned by auctorite aforesayd, that all stewardes, baylyffes, and other ministers of any lyberties or fraunchises, whiche in tyme passed haue vsed or ought to attende vpon the Justices of assise, Justices of gaole delyuerie, and Justices of the peace at large in any countie, shalbe attendāt

to the Justices of assise, Justices of gaole delyuery, and Justices of peace of the same shires, wherin suche lyberties and francheses be, and make dewe execution of al proces to them to be directed, for ministration of iustice within suche liberties or fraunchises. And that also all suche baylifes, or their deputies or deputie, shall yeue their attendance and assistance vpon the sherefe to gether with the sherefes bailiffes at all courtes of gaole delyuerye from tyme to tyme for execution of prisoners accordynge to iustice.

¶ Prouyded alwaye, that the article nexte aboue rehersed, shall not in anywise be prejudicial to any stewardes or baylyues of any cities, boroughes, or townes corporate set in any shire of this realme, whiche haue priuilege that they shuld not be compelled to attend or appere out of such citis, boroughes, or townes, wherin they inhabyte, but that euery suche citie, borought, and towne corporate, shal vse theyr sayde priuileges and lyberties, as heretofore hath ben accustomed: any thinge in any of the article aboue rehersed to the contrary therof notwithstandynge.

¶ And it is further enacted by auctorytie aforesayd, that the kyng our soueregn lorde, his heires and successours kynges of this realme, from the sayde first day of July nexte commyng, shal haue all maner fynes, issues, amerciamentes and forfaytures, that shal be lost, forfayte, or assessed, by or vpon any stewardes, bailiffes, or any other ministers, or officers of any franches or liberties for none execution, or misexecution, or insufficient retournes of suche writtes, wrauntes, preceptes, or other proces, which to them or any of them, or to any their deputie or deputies shall be directed, or for any contempte or other misdemeanour, what so euer it be, concernynge their offices in and for the dewe execution or administration of iustice, any graunte or allowance, or other thing to the contrary hereof not withstanding. And that the amerciamētes for insufficiēt returnes of writtes or other proceste made by stewardes or baylyues of lyberties or francheses, haynge returnes of writtes and execution of the same, shalbe put and set vpon the hedes of suche stewardes or baylifes, and not vpon the sherifes.

¶ And furthermore it is enacted by auctorytie aforesayde, that purueyours assigned by the kynges commission for prouisions of his grace, the quene, & their chyldren, shall and may prouide all vitayles, corne, and other kyndes of thynges, what so euer it be, accordinge to their comissions, as well within liberties and fraunchises as without: any graunte, allowances, or other thynge to the contrary or let therof notwithstandynge.

¶ Prouyded alwayes, that suche purueyours shall obserue the statutes for them prouided in euery behalfe.

¶ And ouer this it is ordeyned by auctorytie aforesayde, that in al suche places, where so euer the kynges highnes in his owne mooste royall persone shal come, to rest, tary, abyde, or make his repose within this realme or any his dominions, within lyberte or without, there and within the berge lymitted and accustomed to his graces courte, duringe the tyme of his abode: his grace, his Stewarde, Marshalle, Coroner, and all other his ministers,

nisters, shall & maye kepe their courtes for iustice, & exercise theyr offices as shall appertayne to them, accordyng to ꝑ lawes, customes & statutes of this realme, as well within liberties as without. And ꝑ his gracis clerkes of the market, and none other, duryng the same time, as well within libertie as without, shal exercise the office of clerke of the market: any priuilege, graūt, allowaunce or other thynge to the contrary hereof not withstandynge.

¶ Prouided alway, that this article nexte afore rehersed, or any thyng ther in conteyned, be not in any wise prejudiciall to the citie of London, but that the same citie shall haue and vse suche liberties as they moughte, if this article had neuer be made.

¶ And be it also enacted by auctorite afore sayde, that al and euery statute, acte and actes, heretofore made, and beinge in force, agaynst shirifes, their vndershirifes, baylifes, or other ministers for makynge or retournynge of panelles or Iuries, or for due execution and seruyng of any writtes or other processe, or for takynge of fees, or for reformation of extortions, or for any other thynge or thynges concernynge their offices, and all peynes and penalties conteyned in euery suche statute, shall from henceforth be extended to all stewardes baylifes and other ministers and officers of liberties & franchises, haunge retournes of writtes and executions therof, in lyke maner fourme and condition, as they extende to shireffes their vnder shireffes bailiffes or other ministers, and as if the sayd stewardes bailiffes or other ministers or officers of liberties and fraunchises, had ben specially and particularly named and rehersed in suche statutes.

¶ Prouided alway, that this article next aboue rehersed, shal not be prejudiciall to any stewarde, bailiffes of fraunchises, or to their deputie or deputies, or theyr clerkes, for exercisynge and occupienge their offices ourr and aboue one yere: but that they and euery of them may kepe and occupie their saide offices for so longe tyme as they be or hereafter shall be peuen to them, as if this article nexte afore rehersed had neuer bene made, any of the sayde actes to be expounded and taken against them or any of them to the contrarie therof not withstandynge.

¶ AND it is enacted by auctorite aforesayde, that all suche iustices to be made, as is afore rehersed in this acte, shall haue auctorite & power to kepe and holde their sessions of peace, and to delyuer the same gaoles from tyme to tyme onely within the same liberties and fraunchises, and in suche places, and in none other place, by reason or auctorite of that commission: and to do and execute all other thynges within the same, in as ample and large maner, as any other iustices of peace and gaole deliuerie, in any shire within this realme may do and haue auctorite to do: any acte graunte vse custome and allowance heretofore had made or vsed, or any article in this present acte made to the contrary not withstanding.

¶ Prouided alwayes, that al and synguler Iustices of the peace, gaole deliuerie, and assise, hereafter to be made named and appoynted by the kinges hyghnes, his heires and successours, within any libertie, where any suche

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Justice of peace, gaole delyuerye, or assise, or any of them haue ben made by any persone or personnes, by vertue or auctoritie of any letters patentes, of the gyfte or graunte of our soueraygne lorde the kynge, or his mooste noble progenitours kynges of this realme, or otherwise shall sytte and kepe their sessions gaole delyuerie and assises, onely in suche place and places, as the Justices of the sayd liberties lately haue ben cõmonly vsed within the saide liberties. And that no person nor persons, within the sayde liberties, or any of them, shall be hereafter in no wise compelled by auctoritie of this acte, to appere out of the sayd lyberties before any other Justices of assise, gaole delyuere, or of the peace: than before suche iustices as shall be named and assigned to syt and be by the kynges highnes his heires & successours, within the sayd liberties in forme aboue sayd. And that this acte shall not extende or be expounded or taken to any other libertie priuilege or franches, graunted vsed or had to any person or persons, other than before in this present acte is expressed and playnly declared and rehersed: any thynge in this acte to the contrary not withstandynge, and as if this acte had neuer ben made.

¶ Prouided always, that this acte nor any thynge therin conteyned, be in any wyse hurtfull or preiudicial vnto sir Thomas Englefeld knight, iustice of the countie palantine of Chester and Flynt, nor to his deputie or deputies nor to any of them, of for or concernynge the office of iustice or iusticer of the sayde countie palantine and Flynt: nor for or concernyng any fees profittes or aduantages to the same office in any maner wise appertaynyng or belongynge: but that the sayde syr Thomas, his deputie and deputies and euery of them, maye laufully haue occupie and exercise the sayd office, and also receyue and take to theyr owne vse, all maner profyttes commodities and aduauntages to the sayd office belongynge or appertaynynge, accordynge to the tenour purporte and effecte of suche letters patentes, as before this time were vnto the same sir Thomas made vnder the seale of the sayde countie, palantine, or vnder any other seale, by our sayde souerayne lorde the kyng that nowe is, of for or concernynge the sayde office, and other the premysses, or any parcell therof, in as ample and large maner, as though this acte had neuer ben had ne made: any thing in this acte conteyned to the contrary in any wyse not withstandynge.

¶ Prouided alway, that this acte ne any thynge therin conteyned, be in any wise preiudiciall or hurtfull to any citie borough or towne corporate, by what name or names so euer they or any of them be incorporate, and their successours, and the successours of euery of them, of or for any maner of lyberties priuileges customes and auncient vsages and fraūcheses: And also of all maner of fines issues and amerciamentes and forfaytures, which they or any of them haue of the graunt or grauntes of our saide souerayne lorde the kyng, or of any of his noble progenitours kinges of this realme of Englād: but that the sayde cities boroughes and townes corporate and euery of them and their successours, maye haue take leuie and enioye all and euery suche laufull lyberties priuileges francheses customes & vsages in as ample and large

large maner, and in lyke forme and condicion as they & euery of them haue laufully taken vſed and had the ſame before the makynge of this acte: any thyng in this acte to the contrary not withſtandynge, and as if this act had neuer be had ne made.

¶ Prouided alway and be it enacted, that Thomas now byſhop of Ely and his ſucceſſours byſſhoppes of Ely, and they⁊ tempozalle ſtewarde of the yle of Ely fo⁊ the tyme beinge, and euery of them, ſhall from henſefo⁊the be iuſtices of peace within the ſaid yle, and ſhal vſe and exerciſe al maner of thinges within the ſame yle, that apperteyneth o⁊ belongeth to any Juſtice of peace within any countie of this realme of England, to do, exerciſe, and vſe, by vertue and auctozitie that they be iuſtices of peace, in as ample and large maner as any other iuſtices of peace, in any county within this realme haue o⁊ myght do, exerciſe, o⁊ vſe, any thynge o⁊ thynges in this act conteyned to the contrary not withſtandynge.

¶ Prouided alway and be it enacted, that Cuthbert nowe byſſhop of Durham, and his ſucceſſours byſſhops of Durham, and they⁊ tempozall chancellour of the countie palantine of Durham fo⁊ the tyme being, and euery of them, ſhal from henſfozth be iuſtices of peace within the ſaid countie palantine of Durham, and ſhall exerciſe & vſe all maner thinges within the ſame countie palantine, that apperteyneth o⁊ belongeth to any Juſtice of peace within any countie of this realme of Englande, to do, exerciſe, & vſe, by vertue and auctozitie that they be iuſtices of peace, in as ample and large maner as any other iuſtices of peace in any countie within this realme haue o⁊ myght do exerciſe o⁊ vſe: any thynge o⁊ thynges in this act conteyned to the contrary not withſtandynge.

¶ Prouided alway & be it enacted, that Edward now archebiſhop of Yo⁊ke and his ſucceſſours archebiſhops of Yo⁊ke, and they⁊ tempozal chancellour of the ſhire & libertie of Heram, other wiſe called Hertoldeſham, fo⁊ the time being and euery of them, ſhall from henſfozth be iuſtices of peace within the ſayd ſhire and libertie of Herham, other wiſe called Hertoldeſham: and ſhal exerciſe and vſe al maner thinges within the ſaid ſhire and libertie, that apperteyneth o⁊ belongeth to any Juſtice of peace within any countie of this realme of Englande, to do exerciſe and vſe, by vertue & auctozitie that they be Juſtices of peace, in as large and ample maner as any other Juſtice of peace in any countie within this realme haue o⁊ myghte do exerciſe o⁊ vſe: any thyng o⁊ thynges in this act cõteyned to the contrary not withſtãdyng.

¶ An acte fo⁊ puniſhment of ſturdy vacabounds and beggers. Cap. xxvi.

WERE IN AN ACTE made at weſtminſter in the. xxii. yere of the reygne of our ſouerayngne lo⁊de kynge HENRY. the. VIII. among other thinges it was o⁊deyned, eſtablyſhed, and enacted, that euery ſtronge and valiante begger and vacabounde,

bounde, after he were wypped for his vacabouncye and ydelnes, shulde departe from the place where he was whypped, directely vnto such towne hundred and countie, where he was borne, or where he had dwelled by the space of thre yeres nexte before, there to continue and abyde. And also that aged poore and impotente people shulde in lykewise repaire into euerye hundred within the sayde counties, there to remayne and continue, accordyng to the meanynge and purporte of the saide acte, vpon paines limitted in the same, as in the same acte more playnly appereth.

¶ And for as moche as it was not prouided in the saide acte, howe and in what wise the saide poore people and sturdy vacabounde shulde be ordred at theyr repayre, and at theyr commynge into theyr countreys, nor howe the inhabitauntes of euery hundred shulde be charged for the releefe of the same poore people, nor yet for the settyng & keppynge in worke and labour of the aforesayde valiant vacabounde at theyr sayde repaire into euery hundred of this realme: It is therfore nowe ordeyned, establysshed, and enacted, by the kynge our soueraigne lorde, the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the cōmons in this present parlyament assembled, and by thauctorite of the same, that all and euery the Mayres, Aldermenne, shireffes, bayliffes, constables, householders, and all other heed officers and ministers of euery citie, shire, townes, and paryshes of this realme, at the repayre and commynge thither of suche poore creature or sturdy vacabounde, as is conteyned in the sayd acte, shal moofte charytably receyue the same, and order the same in maner and forme folowyng: That is to saye, that all the gouernours and ministers of euery of the same cities shires townes hundredes wapentakes lathes rapes rydinges tythynges hamlettes and paryshes, as well within lyberties as without, shall not onely succour fynde and kepe al and euery of the same poore people, by way of voluntary and charytable almes, whithin euery of the same cities, shires, townes, hundredes, wapentakes, lathes, rapes, tythynges, hamlettes, and paryshes, as wel within libertyes as without, to be succoured, relyued, and holpen with suche and conuenient necessarye almes, as shall be thought mete by theyr discretions, in suche wyse as none of them of very necessitie shall be compelled to wander ydelly, and goo openly in beggynge, to aske almes in any of the same cities shyres townes & paryshes: but also to cause and to compell all and euery the sayde sturdy vacabounde and valiante beggers to be sette and kepte to continual labour, in suche wise as by their sayde labours they and euery of them maye gette theyr owne liuinges, with the continuall labour of theyr owne handes. And euery maire aldermanne shireffe bailiffe counstable and all other heed officers and ministers of euery countie citie towne and parisshe within this realme, or within any the kinges dominions, as wel within liberties as without, and all other personnes inhabytauntes within any of the same, shall endeuour theym selfes to order and directe the poore people, valyante beggers, and sturdy vacabounde, in suche wise as the effecte of this presente acte shall be duelye obserued, and put in dewe execution, vppon peyne

that

that euery parisshe shall lose and forfayte. xx. s. for euery moneth, in whiche it is omytted and vndone: And that to be inquired of at euery quarter sessions, and to be duely presented and founde by the verdicte of. xii. men

Item it is further enacted by thauctorite aforesayde, that all and euery person or persons, beinge whipped or sente vnto their countreys, in fourme aforesayd, at the ende of euery tenne myles shall repaire vnto the constable of any parisshe, beinge directly in his waye towardes the countie and place, whereunto he is soo appoynted: and vpon sighte of his letters, gyuen vnto hym at the tyme of his whyppynge and sendynge of hym into the same his countrey, euery of the sayd constables and others the kynges subiectes, shal and maye furnisshe hym with competent meate, drinke, and lodgyng for one nyght onely, or for one meale, and so he shall continue his dayly iourney of tenne myles, vntyll suche tyme as he shall come vnto the hundred and place wherunto he is alligned to go.

Item it is enacted, by thauctorite aforesayd, that al and euery ydel person and persons ruffelers, callynge them selues seruyng men, as wel within the citie of London, as within all other cities, shires, townes, paryshes, and hamlettes of this realme, hauing no maisters, shall be entreated, vsed, and ordred in euery behalfe, and to all intentes, as is conteyned and specified, as well in the aforesayd former acte, as in this presente acte, vppon the peyne aforesayde, to be loste and forfayted by the Maire, Aldermen, Shyreffes, baylyffes, burgesses, ministers, and inhabytauntes of euery of the same cities boroughes and townes corporate, where any suche ruffeler shall be suffred to be resiaunt and abyding by the space of two dayes, and not punysshed in fourme here after declared.

Item it is ordeyned and enacted by the auctorite aforesayde, that al and euery the mayres, gouernours and heed officers of euery citie borough and towne corporate, and the churche wardens, or two others of euery parisshe of this realme, shal in good and charitable wise take suche discrete and conuenient order by gatherynge and procurynge of such charitable and voluntarie almes of the good christen people within the same with bores euery sonday, holy day, and other festiual day, or otherwise among them selfes in suche good and discrete wise, as the poore, impotente, lame, feble, sycke, and diseased people, beinge not able to worke, maye be prouided, holpen and relieued: so that in no wise they nor none of them be suffered to goo openly in beggynge. And that suche as be lusty, or hauinge their lymmes, stronge ynough to labour, maye be dayly kepte in continuall labour, wherby euerye one of them maye get their owne sustinaunce and lyuynge with their owne handes, vpon peyne that all and euery the maires, gouernours, aldermen, heed officers, and others the kynges officers and mynysters of euery of the sayd cities, boroughes, townes corporate, hundredes, paryshes, and hamlettes, shall leese and forfayte for euery monethe that it is omytted and vndone, the summe of. xx. s.

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¶Item it is enacted by thauctozitie afozesayd, that all lepzouse and poore bedzed creatures, what so euer they be, maye at theyr owne libertie remain and continue in suche place where they be, and shall not be compelled to repayre in to theyr countreys, accozdynge to the tenour and purpozt of thafore sayd formet acte: any thynge conteyned in the same acte, oz in this presente acte to the contrary not withstandynge.

¶Item it is also enacted by the auctozitie afozesayd, that the sayde gouernours, aldermen, iustices of the peace, and heed officers, baylifes and constables of euery citie, bozough, towne, hundzeth, and parishe of this realme, shall haue auctozitie by vertue of this present acte, to take vp all and synguler chyldzen in euery parishe within theyr limittes, that be not greued with any notable disease oz sykenes, and beinge vnder the age of fourtene yeres, and aboue the age of syue yeres, in begging oz idelnes, and to appoint them to maisters of husbandzy oz other craftes oz labours to be taughte, by the whiche they maye gette theyr lyuynges whan they shall come to age, gyuynge to them of the sayd charitable collections, as it may conuenientlp be susteyned and bozne, arayment to entre into suche seruice. And if any aboue the age of twelue yeres, and vnder the age of syxtene yeres refuse suche seruise, oz departe from the same without cause reasonable, than they to be arrested and apprehended by any of the sayde officers, and to be brought befoze the maire, aldermen, Justices of the peace, baylyffes, gouernours, constables, oz other officers and mynisters of that lymitte oz circuite, where they be taken: And if it shall appere by his oz theyr confession, oz other sufficient testimony befoze the same officers and ministers, that he oz they haue refused to serue, oz haue departed from theyr seruice without cause reasonable, he shall than in the parishe, where he was apprehended, be openly whipped with roddes by the discretion of the sayde gouernours oz baylyffes, and thervppon to be sente agayne vnto his seruice: and so to be serued, as often as he shall be apprehended and conuicted in fourme afozesayde. And if any personne oz personnes refuse to execute and to do the sayde punyshemente, at the commaundemente of any of the sayde gouernours, aldermenne, iustices of peace, and others the sayde officers and mynysters: thenne he oz they soo refusynge the same, shal be sette in the stockes by the space of two dayes, without haupnge of any other sustenaunce, sauing onely breade and water.

¶Item it is also enacted by the auctozitie afozesayde, that all and euery the afozesayde mayzes, gouernours, aldermenne, and euery the iustices of the peace, as well within lyberties as without, shall ones in euerye monethe, oz oftener, if nede shall require, commaunde a pziue oz secrete serche to be made within euery citie and warde, towne, hundzed, parishe, and hamlette of this realme, in suche tyme of the nyghte and daye, as they shall thynke conuenient, to the intente that all ruffelars, sturdye vacabounides, and valyaunte beggers, and other suspecte personnes, maye be by suche meanes apprehended, taken, and ozdered accozdynge to the purpozte and meanynge of this present acte, and other wyse to be vsed accozdynge to the

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lawes of this realme. And that all and euery persionne and persones obey, ayde, assist, and maintayne from tyme to tyme, all and euery the commaundementes of the sayde iustices of peace and others heed officers aforesayde, for and concernynge the makynge of all the sayd serches, and the apprehendynge of all and euery the suspect persons aforesayd, vpon peyn to make fine for not doinge of the same, at the nexte quarter sessions, as it shalbe thought by the discretion of the mayres gouernours aldermen and iustices of peace.

Item it is enacted by thauctorite aforesayde, that no person nor persons at any time after the feast of saint Johñ Baptist next cõmynge, shal vse kepe and mayntayne any open playeng house or place for cõmon bowling, dising, cardynge, closhe, tenys, or other vnlaufull games, takynge money for the same or other gayne, in any place of this realme, vpon peyne to forfaite fiue markes for euery moneth that any suche vnlauful howses or games shall so be openly kepte vsed and mayntayned in any place within this realme, be it within liberties or without: Any graunte heretofore made to any person or persons in any wise not withstandynge.

Item it is enacted by thauctorite aforesaid, that euery preacher person vicare curate of this realme, as well in al and euery their sermons, collations, byddynges of the beades, as in tyme of all confessions, and at the makynge of the wylles or testamentes of any persones at all tymes of the yere, shal exhorte, moue, stire, and prouoke people to be liberal and bountifully to extend their good and charitable almes and contributions frome tyme to tyme, for and towarde the comfort and relefe of the sayd pore, impotent, decrepite, indigent, and nedy people, as for the settyng and keping to coutinual worke and laboure of the foresayd ruffelers, sturdy vacabundes, and valiant beggers, in euery citie, warde, towne, hundrede, and parishe of this realme, as well within lyberties as without.

Item it is enacted by thauctorite aforesayde, that if any of the aforesayde ruffelers, sturdy vacaboundes, and valyaunte beggers, after suche time as they haue ben ones apprehended, taken, whypped, and sente vnto any citie, warde, towne, hundred, or parishe, by any iustice of peace, maire, constable, baylyffe, or any other the kynges officers and ministers, happen to wander, loyter, or idelly to vse them selfes, and playe the vacabundes, and willingly absente them selfes from suche labour and occupation, as he or they shall be appointed vnto within any citie, warde, towne, hamlet, hundred, or paryshe, whervnto he or they haue ben appoynted in maner & forme aforesayde: that then he or they being eftsones apprehended & taken of suspecious of ideines in any priuey serches aforesayde or otherwyse, shall be broughte before the next iustice of peace: and vpon due examinations & proofe of the continuance of his sayd loytringe, wandrynge in ideines, or vacabuncy, shall be eftsones not onely whipped agayne, and sent into the citie, warde, towne, hundred, or paryshe, whervnto he was fyrste appoynted, but also shall haue the vpper parte of the grysselle of his ryghte eare cleane cutte of: soo as hit maye appere for a perpetuall token after that tyme, that he hath benne a contem-

nour of the good order of the cõmon welthe. And that euery constable of the parisshe, with the assistence of the moste substanciall of euery suche parisshe, where any such ruffeler or vacabund shal happen thus to be taken, shal do or cause to be done this present execution, as wel in whyppyng as in cutting of the said vpper gristell of the eare of euery suche ruffeler or sturdy vacabunde or valiant begger, vpon peyne to lese and forfayte fyue markes, for euery time that he shal refuse to do or cause to be done the same executiõ: & al & singuler thinhabitantes of the said cite, warde, towne, hundrede, or parisshe shal assiste & ayde ỹ said constables in executiõ of the premisses to the best of their power with good diligẽce, & without contradictiõ, vpon the peine aforesaide.

¶ Item it is further enacted by thauctorite aforesayde, that if any ruffeler or sturdy vacabunde, or valiaunt begger, not haupnge the vpper parte of the vyght eare, and beinge cutte of, as is aforesayde, happen to be apprehended & taken in or at any priuie serche, as aforesayde, at any other tyme wandrynge in idelnes, in or without any citie, warde, towne, parysshe, or hamlet, within this realme, whervnto he or they haue ben assigned, and dewely proued before any Justice of peace, that he or they haunte ydelnes, and hath not applyed, nor doth not apply suche labours as he or they haue ben assigned vnto, or be not in seruice with any maister: that then he or they so taken marked and haupnge the vpper parte of the vyght eare cutte of, as is aforesayde, shall be by any of the sayd iustices of peace sente vnto the nexte gaole, there to remain without bayle or mayntpryse vntil the nexte quarter sessions, and there to be indited of wandrynge loytrynge and idelnes, and shall be arrayned of the same. And if he or they shall happen to be founde giltie by verdicte confession or otherwise, of for and vpon the same continuall loytrynge and idelnes: then euery suche sturdy vacabunde, & valiant begger, so foũde gyltie and condemned, shal haue iudgement to suffre peines and executiõ of deth, as a felon, and as enmies of the common welth, and to lose and forfaite al their landes & goodes as felons do in al other causes within this realme.

¶ Item it is enacted by thauctorite aforesayd, that the knyght marshall for the tyme beinge, shall haue full power & auctorytie by vertue of this present acte, to serche do & put in due & playne execution al and euery the contentes as well of the foresayd former acte as of this present acte, & of & vpon al such ruffelers sturdy vacabundes, and valiant beggers men and women, as in any wise shal frequent haunt or loyter masterles & out of seruice, in & aboute the court, where so euer the kynges highnes chaunce to be resiaunt with his most honorable householde in any place of this realme.

¶ And for the auoiding of al such inconueniences and infections as often tyme haue and dayly do chaunce amonge the people by cõmen and open doles, and that most cõmonly vnto suche doles many persones do resorte, whiche haue no nede of the same: It is therfore enacted by the auctorytie aforesayd, that no maner of person or persones shal make or cause to be made any suche common or open dole, or shall gyue any redy money in almesse, otherwyse than to the common boxes, and common gatherynges in euery citie, towne,

towne, hundrede, parisshe, and hamblette, to and for the puttynge in playne and dewe execution of all and euerye the good and vertuous intentes and purposes contayned in this presente acte, vppon payne to lese and forfayte tenne tymes the value of all suche redy money as shall be gyuen in almes, contrarye to the tenour and purporte of the same. And that euery personne and persons of this realme, bodyes politike, corporate, and others, that be bounde or charged yerely, monethly, or wekely, to geue or to distribute any redy money, breade, vitayl, or other sustentation to poore people in any place within this realme, shal from the feaste of Michelmas next cõmynge, gyue and distribute the same money, or the value of all suche breade, vitaylle, or sustentation vnto suche common boxes, to the entent the same maye be imployed, towardes the releuynge of the sayd poore, nedy, sicke, lame, and indigent persons, and also towardes the settynge in worke of the sayde sturdy & vvell vacabundes and valiante beggers: and euery of the sayde personne and persons, bodyes politike, corporate, and others, shall be clerely discharged agaynste all and euery other person and personnes of and for all maner of bondes or grauntes, what so euer they be, for makyng of any of the same common doles, or others the forsayd distributions at any tyme of the yere: so as the money & true value of the same be gyuen vnto the boxes, towardes the common almes & relefe of the poore people, in fourme afore sayde.

¶ And to thentent that the money gathered towarde the relefe of pouertie, as is aboue sayde, shalbe employed & conuerted to suche charitable vses and behoues, as by this present acte be limitted, and no part therof to be misused by suche as shall haue the collection therof: It is therfore ordeyned and enacted by thauctoritie afore sayd, that the churche wardens of euery parysshe, callynge vnto them fyue or foure of theyr honest neyghbours, shall haue full power & auctoritie euery quarter of the yere, or oftener by theyr discretions, to commande euery suche collectour to appere before them, and to rendre & yelde accompt of all summes of money as by theym shall be gathered, and howe & in what maner it was employed. And if vpon any accompt it shal be seen, perceyued, or founde, that any suche collectour hath not conuerted nor employed the money by hym gathered to suche vses and intentes, as be limitted by this acte, or to haue imbeciled any parte therof: that then euery suche offendour shall be attached & apprehended by them, before whome he so shall make accompt, and shall immediately be brought before a iusticier of peace, if it be in any shire: or before ỳ maire or bailife, if it be in cite, borough, or towne corporate, whiche iusticier, mayre, or bayliffe, shall cause euery suche offendour to be cõmitted to warde and prison, there to remayne vnto suche tyme as he shall haue fully restored and payed to the collectours of the sayde almes within the parisshe where he soo offended, all suche summes of money, as by hym shal so be embeciled, conuerted, or employed to other vses or intentes, then by this acte be ymitted: And also tyll he shall haue payed fyue shillynges. viii. d. for a penaltie, to be conuerted, employed, & distributed to the vses and intentes specified and declared in this acte.

¶AND it is ordered by thauctorite aforesaid, ꝑ the person, vicar, or parisshe preest, or some other honest man of euery parisshe of this realme, without takyng or demaūding any thinge for the same, shall kepe a boke of rekenynge, and therin shall entre, write, & make mention from tyme to tyme, in one place or parte of the boke, as well of all and euery suche sommes of money as shal be gadered by the charitable almes of the inhabitantes of euery of the same parisshes, as to make mention in one other place of the same boke, how, vpon whom, and in what wise any parte of the same money shall be spente: And so from yere to yere, from one yere to an other yere, he shal kepe a newe boke the boke to be bought and payde for by the constable and churche wardens for the tyme beinge, of the common collections, and alwayes shall remayne in the custody of two or thre of them, or of some other indifferente man, by their consentes, and not with the persone, vicar, or parysshe preest.

¶Item it is ordered by the sayd auctorite, that two or three tymes in euery weke, two or three of euery parisshe within cities and townes corporate, by the assignement & appointmēt of the mayre, aldermen, gouernour, bailiffe, or constable, some in one weke, and some an other weke, shal name and appoynte certayne of the sayde poore people, founde of the common almes, to collecte and gather broken meates and fragmentes, and the refuse drynke of euery householder within euery suche parisshe, whiche shal be by their discretions distributed euenly among the poore people, founde of the sayd common almes, as they by their discretions shall thynke good.

¶Item it is ordered by the sayde auctorite, that al & euery bayliffe, constable, churchwardens, or others the collectours of the sayde almes, which shal at any tyme forbeare their owne busynesse and labour, and shall trauayle or take any paynes in and about the execution of any parte of this present act, shall haue and take for his and their so doinge such competent wages of the money of the said cōmon collections, as by the discretion of the maire, aldermen, gouernour, baylyffe, or iustices of peace, and others of the parisshe, shal be thought good and reasonable, whiche shal be appoynted vnto them from tyme to tyme, always at the makynge of their accomptes before the hole parysshe aforesayde.

¶Item the moneye of all and euery the foresayde free and charitable collections, shal be kepte in the cōmon coffre or bore, standynge in the churche of euery parysshe, or elles it shalbe cōmitted vnto the handes and saufe custody of any other suche good and substanciall trusty man, as they canne agree vpon, where they shall thynke it alwayes sure and safe, and where it may be surely delyuered vnto the vses before expressed from tyme to tyme, as necessitie shall require, makyng alwayes mention therof in two seuerall places of the sayd boke, as hit is before declared, as often tymes as any parte therof shall be spent or gathered.

¶Item it is ordered by the sayde auctorite, that the inhabytantes of euery parysshe of this realme, shall begyn to make the foresayde free, charitable, and godly collections and gatherynges in euery sonday and holy day nexte after

after the daye of saynct John Baptyst next commyng, and so shal contynue
verely vnto the laste day of the next parlyament. And euery paryshe makyng
defaulte, and not puttyng all and euery the premisses in due and perfect exe-
cution: accordyng to theyr power, behaupours, and discretions, shal lose &
forfayt .xx.s. for euery moneth, in whiche it is omytted and vndone. And al
Justices of peace, in euery coũtie and lybertie of this realme, shall haue full
power and auctoritie, by vertue of this presente act, to enquyre, here, or-
der, and determyne all and euery the premysses, in maner fourme and to al
intentes, as hit is before declared.

¶ FINALLY it is ordeyned, enacted, and establyshed by the auctoritie afore
sayd, that this present acte shal begyn to take effecte, & to be put in execution
with the forsayde former acte, the morowe after the day of saynct Mychel
the archangel nexte cõmyng, and shal contynue vnto the last day of the next
parlyamente. And that the one moytie of all and euery the forfaytures afore
sayde, shalbe to thuse of the common bore, to the releefe of the pore, decrepite,
sycke and indigent & impotẽt people, being within any citie, towne, hundred
or paryshe, where any such offẽce is committed: and the other moitie to him
or them that wyl sue for the same by bylle accion of det playnt or otherwise in
any courte of recorde, or courte baron of this realme, in whiche action noo
wager of lawe, essoyne, or protection shalbe allowed.

¶ Prouyded alwayes, that this presente acte shall not be hurtful or preiudi-
ciall vnto any persone or persons for gyuing or sendyng of any redy money,
or of any fragmentes or broken meate or drynke vnto any person or persons,
inhabyted within the paryshe, where he dwellyth, or to any persons, but that
they and euery of them, of their charite, may vse, sende, order, gyue, and dis-
pose the same to any persone or persones aforesayde, as they wol them selfes,
eyther within their owne houses, or elles where: any thing conteined in this
present acte to the contrarye in any wyse not withstandynge.

¶ And be it further enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that they whiche by the
auctoritie of this acte, shall cause the eares of any offender to be cutte of,
in forme before mencioned, shal certyfie in wrytyng endented vnder their sea-
les at the nexte generall sessions of the peace, that shall be kepte in any citie,
towne, borowgh, or shire, vnto the clerke of the peace of the same citie, towne,
or shyre, the names of all suche as shall fortune to haue theyr eares cutte of,
for the causes before sayde, & of the tyme and place of doynge of the same.
And if they fayle and make defaut this to do by the space of one moneth, that
then they shall forfayte for euery moneth soo offendynge, forty shyllynges.

¶ And be it further enacted by thauctoritie aforesayde, that no church war-
deyne, collectour or collectours of any the foresayde charitable almes, shall
contynewe in his or theyr sayd offices & rowmes aboue the space of one hole
yere. And that in al cities, boroughes, townes, and paryshes of this realme,
the ouerplus of al and al maner of collections of the riches welthy parishes,
within any of the same cities, boroughes, townes, hundredes, lathes, rapes,
and wapontakes frome tyme to tyme, shall be ordred and distributed for and

towardes the sustentation of the charges of other poore parishes, here and within any of the same cityes, borowghes, townes, hundredes, lathes, rapes, and wapontackes, by the discretion from tyme to tyme of the Mayre, Aldermen, bayliffes, gouernours, Justices of peace, & hygh constable of the same.

¶ Prouyded always; that in suche cities, townes, hundredes, wapontakes, lathes, rapes, tydynges, tythynges, hamlettes, & parysshes, where the voluntary and vnconstreyned almesse & charitie of the parishens or people, whiche by this acte shalbe contrybutorye to suche almesse, and with suche money, as shalbe added and gyuen to the same from any monasteries or other persons, bodyes politicke, corporate, or other, wol not suffise to the sustentacion of the poore, nedie, and indigent people, being within the limittes of suche contribution, neyther the mayres, aldermen, shyreffes, bayliffes, constables, or other heed officers, howseholders, myniſters, or inhabitantes of the same in particular, ne also the hole of them in generall, shall incurre or renne into the said forfapture, daunger, or penaltie of .xx.s. for euery moneth, ne any of them to be constreined to any suche certayne contribution, but as their free wylles and charities shall extende, otherwise than that the persones therunto appoynted by this acte, shal well and trewely distribute, accordyng to the purpoze of the same, the said charitie and almes, that shal come to theyr handes of voluntary gyfte, vpon the penaltyes in this acte for the same prouyded: any clause, sentence, or wordes in the same acte beynge or founden to the contrarye hereof not withstandynge.

¶ Prouided also, it shall be lefull to all noble men & other, keppnge houses, theyr amners, seruantes, officers, and myniſters, to gyue in almes the fragmentes or broken meate or drynke of the same, as welle to poore and indygente people of other parysshes, as of the same parysshes, where suche house is kepte: any thynge in this acte, or in any prouysion of the same to the contrary not withstandynge.

¶ Prouided further more, that seruynge men departynge from their seruyce by lycence, wylle, death, or exclusyon of theyr lorde, lady, mayster, or maistresse, haupnge of the same theyr lorde, ladye, maister or maistresse letters, or in case of their deathe other sufficiente proke, testifienge the daye of theyr exclusyon or departure from suche seruyce, shall not incurre or renne in to any of the punyſshementes or penaltyes comprysedde in this acte, for vacabundes or sturdye beggers, within the space of one moneth after the day mencioned in the sayde letters, or apperynge by the sayde testymonye to be the day of theyr departure from suche seruyces, ne also at or after the same moneth expyred: so that by thende of suche moneth they shal haue entered into any seruyce, or be otherwyse in labour, accordynge to the fourme and tenour of this acte.

¶ PROVIDED also that in as moche as fryers mendyantes haue lyttel or nothyng to lyue vpon, but onely by the charytie and almesse of chrysten people: This acte therfore, ne any thynge therein contepned, shall be prejudicyall or hurtefull vnto any persone or persones for gyuynge of them

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in generall or particuler any maner almes in money victaple or other thynge alſo to them or any of them, for beinge or remaynynge out of the places, where they were borne or had their laſt habitation, or for paſſing abrode to gather the almes and charitie of Chriſten people, or for continuance in theyr religyon as they haue ben accuſtomed to doo: this acte, or any thyng therin mencyoned to the contrary not withſtandynge.

Prouyded alſo, that this acte, ne any thyng therin mencioned, be hurtefull or prejudicial to any abbottes priours or other perſon or perſones of the clergye or other, that by any meanes be bounde to gyue perelye wekelye or daily almes in money, victaple, lodgyng, clothing, or other thing in any monaſteryes almes howſes hoſpitalles or other foundations or brotherheedes, by any good auctoritye or auncient cuſtome, or of daily charitie by keppnge of poore men, eſtablyſhed for that purpoſe, ne to any perſon or perſons for receyuynge of the ſame, or for theyr abydynge in ſuche almes howſes or hoſpitalles, accordynge to ſuche foundation: Ne alſo for almes in redy money or otherwyſe to be gyuen to maryners, or other perſons that ſhall fortune to come or be ſet on lande from ſhippes periſhed or loſt on the ſee: or to any perſone that rydinge goinge or paſſynge by the way, ſhall after his or theyr conſcyence or charitie gyue money or other thyng to lame blynde or ſycke aged or impotente people: any thynge in this acte to the contrary mencioned not withſtandynge.

An acte for lawes and iuſtice to be miniſtred in Wales in lyke fourme as it is in this realme. Cap. xxvii.

ALL BE IT THE DOMINION principalitie and countrey of Wales iuſtly and rightuouſly is and euer hath ben incorporated annexed vnited and ſubiecte to and vnder the imperiall crowne of this realme, as a very member and ioynte of the ſame: Wherfore the kynges mooſte royall maieſtie of mere droit and very ryght, is very heed kynge lorde and ruler. Yet not withſtandynge bycauſe that in the ſame countreye principalytie and dominion dyuers rightes, vſages, lawes, and cuſtomes, be farre diſcrepant from the lawes and cuſtomes of this realme, and alſo bycauſe that the people of the ſame dominion haue and do dayely vſe a ſpeche nothynge lyke ne conſonāt to the naturall mother tonge vſed within this realme, ſome rude and ignorant people haue made diſtinction and diuerſitie betwene the kynges ſubiectes of this realme, and his ſubiectes of the ſaid dominion and principalitie of wales, wherby great diſcorde variance debate diuiſion murmur and ſedicion hath growen betwene his ſayde ſubiectes: His highnes therfore, of a ſyngulere zele, loue, and fauour, that he beareth towardes his ſubiectes of his ſayde dompnation of wales, mindinge and intendyng to reduce them to the perfecte order notice and knowlege of his lawes of this his realme, and vtterly to extirpe all and ſyngulere the ſiniſter vſages and cuſtomes

tomes differynge frome the same, and to brynge his sayde subiectes of this his realme, and of his sayd dominion of Wales to an amiable concord and vnitie, hath by the deliberate aduise consent and agrement of the lordes spiritual and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, ordeined enacted and stablysshed, that his sayd countrey or dominion of Wales shall be stonde & continue for euer from henssorth incorporated, vnited, and annexed to & with this his realme of England. And that al & synguler person and persons, borne & to be borne in the sayd principalitie cuntrey or dominion of wales, shall haue enioy and inherite al and synguler fredomes, liberties, rightes, priuileges, and lawes within this realme and other the kynges dominions, as other the kynges subiectes naturally borne within the same haue enioy & inherite. And that all and synguler person and personnes inheritable to any manours landes tenementes rentes reuertions seruices or other hereditamentes, whiche shal discende after the feast of al sanctes nexte cõming, within the said principalitie countrey or dominion of wales, or whithin any perticuler lordshyp part or parcel of the sayd countrey or dominion of wales, shal for euer from and after the sayd feast of all sayntes, inherite & be inheritable to the same manours landes tenementes rentes reuertions & hereditamentes after the englysshe tenure without diuision or partion, & after the forme of the lawes of this realme of Englande, & not after any tenure ne after the forme of any welshe lawes or customes: And that the lawes ordinances and statutes of this realme of England for euer, & none other lawes ordinaũces ne statutes from and after the sayd feast of all sayntes next cõmyng, shall be had, vsed, practised and executed in the sayd countrey or dominion of wales and euery parte therof, in lyke maner forme and order, as they ben and shall be had vsed practised and executed in this realme: and in suche lyke maner & forme, as here after by this acte shalbe further establysshed and ordeyned: any acte statute vsage custome president libertie priuilege or other thynge, had made vsed graunted or suffred to the contrary in any wyse notwithstandynge.

¶ And for as moche as there be many & dyuers lordshyps marchers within the sayde countrey or dominyon of Wales, lyenge betwene the shires of Englande, and the shires of the sayde countrey or dominion of Wales, and beinge no parcell of any other shires, where the lawes and due correction is vsed and hadde: by reason wherof hathe ensued and hathe benne practysed perpetrated committed and done within and amonge the sayde lordeshippes and countreyes to them adioynynge, manifolde and dyuers detestable murders, brannynge of houses, robberies, thefes, trespasses, rowtes, ryottes, vnlaufull assembles, embraceries, mayntenaunces, receptynge of felons, oppressions, ruptures of the peace, and manyefolde other malefactes, contrary to all lawes and iustice: And the sayde offenders therupon makynge theyr refuge from lordeshyppe to lordeshyppe, were and continued without punyshement or correction: For due reformation wherof, and for as moche as dyuers and many of the sayde lordships marchers be nowe in the handes

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and poſſeſſion of our ſoueraygne lorde the kynge, and the ſmalleſt nomber of them in the poſſeſſion of other lordes, it is therfore enacted by thauctorytie aforeſayd, that dyuers of the ſayde lordeſhyps marchers ſhall be vnited, annexed, and ioyned to dyuers of the ſhyres of England: and dyuers of the ſayd lordſhips marchers ſhall be vnited, annexed, & ioyned to dyuers of the ſhires of the ſayd contrey or dominion of wales, in maner & forme hereafter folowyng. And that al the reſidue of ꝑ ſaide lordſhips marchers, within the ſayd countrey or dominion of wales, ſhall be ſeuered & diuided into certayn particular counties or ſhires: that is to ſaye, the countie or ſhyre of Mommouth, the countie or ſhire of Brekenoke, the coũtie or ſhire of Radnore, the countie or ſhire of Mountgomerey, the coũtie or ſhire of Denbigh. And that the lordſhyps, townſhips, pariſhes, cõmotes, & cantredes of Mommouth, Chepſtowe, Matherne, Kamnyhangel, Magour, Goldecliffe, Neweporte, wenlloge, Kanwerne, Caerlion, Uſke, Trelecke, Tynterne, Skynfreth, Gronſmont, white caſtel, Reglan, Talicote, Biſton, Abergenenny, Penrofe, Grenefelde, Maghen, and Hochyſlade in the ſayd countrey of wales: and all and ſingular honours, lordſhyps, caſtels, manours, landes, tenemẽtes, and hereditamẽtes, lying or being within the compas or precinct of the ſaid lordſhips, townſhips, hamlettes, pariſhes, cõmotes, & cantredes, & euery of them, in whoſe poſſeſſion ſo euer they be or ſhall be, and euery parte therof, ſhall ſtande and be from & after the ſayd feaſte of all ſayntes gyldable, & ſhall be reputed, accepted, named, and taken as parte & membres of the ſaid ſhire of Mommouth. And that the ſayde towne of Mommouth ſhall be named, accepted, reputed, vſed, had, and taken heed & ſhire towne of the ſayd countie or ſhire of Mommouth. And that the ſhireffes countie or ſhyre courte, of and for the ſayd ſhyre and countie of Mommouth, ſhal be holden & kept one tyme at the ſayde towne of Mommouth, and the nexte tyme at the towne of Newporte in the ſame countie or ſhyre, and ſoo to be kepte in the ſame two townes *alternis vicibus*, and accordynge to the lawes of this realme of Englande for euer, and in none other places.

¶ And it is further enacted by thauctorytie aforeſayde, that all actions realles, that hereafter ſhall be conceyued, perpetrated or ſued for any landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, or any other thynge within the ſaid countie or ſhyre of Mommouth, and all actions perſonals, within the ſame ſhyre or countie, of the ſumme of. xl. s. or aboue, and all actions myxte, ſhall be ſued by originall writte out of the kynges hygh court of Chancerie in England, and herde determined and tryed before the kynges iuſtices in Englande, or by Aſſiſe, or Niſi prius within the ſayd coũtie of Mommough, in ſuche lyke maner fourme and wiſe, as all other actions realles perſonals and actions mixte be ſued hard determined and tried in or for any ſhyre of this realme of Englande. And that the kynges iuſtices of his benche, or of his common benche at weſtñ, ſhall haue full power and auctorytie to dyrecte all maner proceſſe to the ſhireffe & al other officers of the ſaid countie of Mommouth: and alſo to directe writtes of Venire facias, to the ſame ſhireffe for ꝑ trial of

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euery issue ioyned before them: and also to awarde cõmissions of Nisi prius into the sayd countie of Mommouth, for the triall of suche issues ioyned before them, in like maner and forme as they do into euery shire of this realme of England. And all and euery the kynges subiectes & inhabitantes within the sayd countie of Mommouth, shalbe for euer from and after the said feest of al sayntes, obliged and bounden to be obedient and attendant to the lord chauncellour of Englande, the kynges iustices, and other of the kynges moste honorable counsayle, and vnto all lawes, customes, ordynances and statutes of this realme of Englande, in lyke maner fourme and wyse, as al other the kynges subiectes within euery shyre of this realme of Englande be obliged and bounden, any act statute vsage custome lybertie priuilege, or any other thynge to the contrary in any wise not withstandynge. And that the shereffe of the sayd countie shal holde plee of replegiare, & al other suites and playntes vnder. xl.s. in his countie or shyre courte, in lyke maner and fourme as all other shereffes do within this realme of Englande. And that the shereffe, eschetours, and corroners that here after shalbe within the sayd countie or shyre of Mommouth, shalbe obliged & bounden to execute all the kynges proceses, and to make due returnes therof, and to vse and exercise theyr offices, accordynge to the lawes and statutes of this realme of Englande in al and euery thynge, as the shereffes eschetours & corroners be obliged and bounden to do in all & euery other shyre of this realme of England. And that the shereffe & eschetours of ꝑ sayd shire or countie of Mommouth, that hereafter shalbe appoynted by our soueraygne lorde the kynge, make theyr accomptes for theyr sayde offices in the kynges eschequier in Englande, in lyke maner & fourme as other shereffes and eschetours do within this realme of Englande, and vppon suche lyke peyne and penaltye, as is vpon other shereffes and eschetours in euery other shyre within this realme of Englande.

¶ And it is enacted by thauctoritie aforesayd, that the lordshyppes, townshyps, paryshes, cõmotes, and cantredes of Brekenoke, Crekehowel, Tretowre, Penkelly, Englyshe talgarth, welsh talgarth, Dynas, The haye, Glynebogh, Bropulles, Cantercely, Llãdo, Blapullynby, Estrodewe, Buelthe, and Llangors, in the sayd countrey or dominon of wales, and all and synguler honours lordships castels manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, lyinge or being within the compas or precincte of the said lordships, parishes, cõmotes, and cantredes, or any of them, in whose possession so euer they be or shalbe, and euery parte therof, shall stand and be for euer, from the sayd feaste of all sayntes, gyldable: and shalbe reputed, accepted, named, and taken as partes and membres of the sayde countie or shyre of Brekenoke. And that the sayde towne of Brekenoke shall be named, accepted, reputed, vsed, had, and taken heed and shyre towne of the sayd countye or shyre of Brekenoke. And that the shyre courte or countye of and for the sayde shyre or countie of Brekenoke, shall be holden and kepte in the sayde towne of Brekenoke.

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¶ And it is enacted by thauctoritie aforesayd, that the lordships townships parisshes commotes and cantredes of newe Radnore, Elistherman, Eluelles, Bonghred, Glasebery, Glawdistre, Mihellis church, Meleneth, Blewagh, Knighton, Norton, Preston, Comothuder, Rayder, Gwethronyon, and Stanage in the sayde countreye of wales and euerye of theym, and al and synguler honours, lordships, castels, manours, landes, tenementes, & hereditamentes lyeng or beinge within the compasse or precinct of the sayde lordshyps townshyps parisshes commotes and cantredes or any of them, in whose possession so euer they be or shall be, and euery part therof, shal stand and be for euer from the saide feast of al saintes, gyldable: and shal be reputed accepted named and taken as partis and membres of the said countie or shire of Radnore. And that the said towne of Newe Radnore shal be named accepted reputed vsed had and taken heed and shire towne of the said countye or shyre of Radnore. And that the shire courte or countie of and for the sayde countie or shire of Radnore, shall be holden and kepte one tyme at the sayd towne of Newe Radnore, and the next tyme at the towne of Rather Gowye, in the same countie or shire, and so to be kepte in the same two townes *alternis vicibus* for euer, and in none other place.

¶ And it is enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that the lordshyppes townshyps parishes commotes and cantredes, of Mountgomerey, Kedewenkery, Cawrslande, Arnstely Kenyliock, Doythure, Poweslande, Clunes lād, Balesley, Tempcestre, and Alcestre in the sayd countrey of Wales, and euery of them, and all and synguler honours, lorshippes castels manours landes tenementes and heredytamentes, lyenge or beinge within the compas or precincte of the sayde lorships parishes townships commotes and cantredes or any of them, in whose possession so euer they be or shall be, and euerye parte therof, shall stande and be for euer, from the said feast of all saynctes, gyldable: and shallbe reputed accepted named and taken as partes & membres of the said countie or shire of Mountgomery. And that the said towne of Mountgomery shal be named accepted reputed vsed had and taken heed and shire towne of the sayde countie of Mountgomerey. And that the countie or shiere courte of and for the saide countie or shiere of Mountgomereye, shall be holden and kepte the firste tyme at the said towne of Mountgomerey, and the next time at the towne of Maghenleth in the same shire or countie: and so to be kepte in the same two townes *alternis vicibus*, for euer, and in none other place.

¶ AND ALSO IT IS enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that the lordshyps townships paryshes commotes and cantredes of Denbyghlande, Ruthin, saint Tasse, Kynllethowen, Bromfylde, Yale, Chirke and Chirkelande, Molesdale, and Hopesdale, in the sayd countrey of Wales, and euery of them: and all and synguler honours lordshyps castelles manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, lyenge or beinge within the compas or precinct of the sayd lordships townships cōmotes & cantredes, or any of them, in whose possession so euer they be or shalbe, & euery part therof shall

shal stond and be for euer from the said feast of al saintes gyldable: & shal be reputed accepted named and take as partes and membres of the said coũtie or shire of Denbygh. And that the sayde towne of Denbigh shall be named accepted reputed vsed hadde and taken heed and shire towne of the countie of Denbyghe. And that the countie or shiere courte of and for the sayde countie or shire of Denbygh, shalbe holden and kepte the fyrste tyme at the said towne of Denbigh, and the nexte tyme at the towne of Wrixham in the sayd shire or countie, and so to be kept in the same two townes *alternis vicibus* for euer and in none other place.

¶ And for as moche as the counties or shyres of Bzekenoke, Radnore, Mountgomery, and Denbigh be far destãt from the cite of London, where the lawes of Englande be commonly vsed ministred exercised and executed: and for that the inhabitauntes of the sayde shires of Bzekenoke, Radnore, Mountgomerey, and Denbygh be not of substaunce power and abilitie to trauayle out of theyr countreyes to seke the administration of Justice, It is therfore enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that the kynge our souerayne lorde shal haue one Chauncerie and eschequier at his castel of Bzekenoke, & one other at his towne and Castell of Denbygh. And that the shiereffes eschetours and other officers accomptantes of the coũties of Bzekenoke and Radnore, Mountgomerey and Denbygh, from and after the said feast of al sayntes shall be yerely appoynted by oure souerayne lorde the kynge, for & within euery of the sayde shires of Bzekenoke Radnore Mountgomerey & Denbygh. And that the sheryffes eschetours and other officers accomptantes of the Counties of Bzekenoke and Radnore, frome and after the sayde feaste of all sayntes, shall yerelye make theyr accompte before the kynges auditours and suche chambrelayne or baron of the said Eschequier, as shall be ther vnto appoynted by our sayd souerayne lorde the kynge, in suche lyke maner and fourme, as sheriffes eschetours and other officers accomptantes do yerely make theyr accomptes in the kynges Eschequire at Westmynster within this realme of Englande. And that the shyrefes eschetours and other officers accomptãtes of the coũties of Mountgomery and Denbygh. from and after the sayde feaste of all sayntes, shall yerely make theyr accompte before the kynges auditours, and suche chambrelayne or baron of the sayde Eschequire, as shall be thervnto appoynted by oure sayde souerayne lorde the kynge, in suche lyke maner & forme as shireffes eschetours and other officers accomptauntes, doo yerely make theyr atcomptes in the kynges eschequire at Westmynster within this realme of Englande.

And that Justyce shall be mynistred, vsed, exercysed, and executed, vnto the kynges subiectes and inhabitauntes in euerye of the sayd shyres of Bzekenoke, Radnore, Mountgomerey, and Denbyghe, accordinge to the lawes and statutes of this realme of Englande. and accordynge to suche other customes and lawes nowe vsed in wales aforesayde, as the kyng our souerayne lorde, and his most honorable counsayle shall allowe and thynke expedient requisite and necessary by suche Justiciar or Justiciars as shall be

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therunto appoynted by our sayde souerayne lorde the kynge, and after such forme and fascion, as iustyce is vsed and ministred to the kynges subiectes within the thre shires of Northwales.

¶ And also it is enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that the lordshyps townes parishes cōmotes hundredes and cantredes of Oswestre: whetington, Masbroke, Knokyng, Ellesmer, Downe, & Churbury hundred in the marches of wales aforesayd, and euery of them, & al and singuler honours, lordshyps, castelles, manours, townes, hamlettes, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, lyeng or being within the compas or precinct of the said lordshyps, townes, parisshes, commotes, hundredes, and cantredes or any of them, in whose possession so euer they be or shall be, and euery parte therof, shal stand & be for euer, from and after the said feast of all sayntes gyldable: and shalbe vnited annexed and ioyned to and with the countie of Salop̄, as a membre part or parcel of the same. And that the sayd lordeships of Oswester, whetyngton: Masbroke, and Knokynge, with theyr membres, shall be taken, named, and knowen, by the name of the hundrede of Oswester in the countie of Salop̄: And the inhabitauntes therof shall be attendaunt and do euery thynge and thinges at euery sessions Assise and gaole delyuerie to be holden within the countie of Salop̄, as the inhabytauntes of al other hundredes doo within the sayde countie of Salop̄, accordynge to the lawes of this realme of Englande. And that the lordeshyppe of Ellesmere, with the membres of the same, shall be vnyted, ioyned, and knytte to the hundred of Pymhill in the countie of Salop̄: and shall be taken named and knowen to be parcel of the same hundred: and the inhabytantes therof shall be attendaunt, and do euery thyng and thynges with the inhabytauntes of the sayd hundred of Pymhyl, as the inhabytantes of the same hundred now do and vse, accordynge to the lawes of this realme of Englande. And that the lordshyppe of Downe, with the membres, shalbe vnited ioyned & knytte to the hundred of Churbury in the countie of Salop̄: and that the inhabytauntes of the sayde hundred of Churbury and lordeshyppe of downe, shall be attendaunte to doo euerye thynge and thynges, at euery sessions assyse and gaole belyuere to be holden within the sayde countie of Salop̄, as the inhabytauntes of all other hundredes do within the sayd countie of Salop̄, accordynge to the lawes of this realme of Englande. And that the sayde hundred of Churbury after the sayd feaste of all sainctes, nor the saide hundred of Oswestre, nor yet the lordeshyppe of Ellesmere, shall be in no wyse other wyse priuileged, nor haue no other lybertie nor priuilege, but as hundredes vnited annexed and knytte to the sayde countie of Salop̄, as other hundredes be within the sayd countie.

¶ And that the lordeshyps, townes, parishes, commotes, hundredes, and cantredes of Ewyas lacy, Ewyas harold, Clyfforde, wynforton, Yerdesley, Huntyngton, Whytney, Wygmore, Logharneys, and Stepulton, in the said marches of wales, and euery of them: And all and synguler honours lordshyps castels manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, lyinge

or beinge within the compas or precincte of the sayde lordeshyppes townes parishes commotes hundredes and cantredes, or any of them, in whose possession so euer they be or shalbe, and euery parte therof, shall stande and be for euer, from and after the sayde feaste of all sayntes gyldable: and shalbe vnyted annexed and ioyned to & with the countie of Hereforde, as a membre parte or parcell of the same countie of Hereforde. And that the lordshyppes of wygmore and Logharneys, with theyr membres, shall be taken named and knowen by the name of the hundred of wygmore in the countie of Hereforde afore sayde: And that the inhabitauntes therof shall be attendaunte, and do euery thynge and thynges, at euery sessions assise and gaole deliuerie, to be holden within the sayde countie of Hereforde, as the inhabytauntes of all other hundredes do within the sayde countie of Hereforde, accordynge to the lawes of this realme of Englande. And that the hole lordeship of Ewias lacy, with the membres, shall be taken named and knowen by the name of the hundred of Ewyas lacy within the sayde countie of Hereforde: And the inhabitantes therof shalbe attendant and do euery thyng and thinges, at euery sessions assise and gaole deliuerie to be holden within the sayd countie of Hereforde, as the inhabitauntes of all other hundredes do, within the sayde countie of Hereforde, accordynge to the lawes of this realme of Englande. And that the lordeshyppe of Ewias harolde with the membres, shal be vnited ioyned and knytte to the hundrede of webtre in the sayd countie of Hereforde, and shalbe taken named & knowen to be parcell of the sayd hundred of webtree: and the inhabytauntes therof shall be attendante and do euery thynge and thynges with the inhabytauntes of the same hundred of webtre, as the inhabytauntes of the same hundred nowe do, accordynge to the lawes of this realme of Englande. And that the lordeshyps of Clyfforde, Wynforton, Yerdesley, whitney, and Huntyngton, with theyr membres, shal be taken named and knowen by the name of the hundred of Huntyngeton within the countie of Hereforde afore sayde: and that the inhabytauntes therof shalbe attendaunte & do euer thynge and thynges, at euery sessions assise and gaole delyuere to be holden within the sayd countye of Hereforde, as the inhabytauntes of all other hundredes do within the sayd countie of Hereforde, accordynge to the lawes of this realme of Englande. And that the sayde hundred of wygmore, with the membres, and the sayde hundred of Ewyas lacy, and the saide hundred of Huntyngton, and the said lordshyppe of Ewyas harolde, annexed vnto the hundred of webtree, after the sayde feaste of all sayntes, shalbe in no wyse other wyse priuileged, nor haue no other lybertie fraunches ne priuilege: but as hundredes vnited and annexed to the sayde countie of Hereforde, and as other hundredes be within the sayd countie of Hereforde.

¶ AND THAT the lordeshyppes townes and porishes of Wollaston, Tidnam, and Becheleye, in the sayde marches of wales, and all honours lordshyppes castelles manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, lyinge or beynge betwene Chepstowe brydge in the sayde marches of wales,

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& Gloucestre shire, in whose possessiō so euer they be or shalbe, & euery parte therof, shal stand and be gyldable from and after the said feast of al saintes, and shalbe vnited annexed and ioyned to and with the sayde countie or shire of Glouc. as a membre parte or parcell of the same. And that the sayde lordshyps townes and parishes of Wollaston, Tidnam, and Becheley, and al honours lordshyppes castels manours landes tenementes and hereditamētes, lyinge or beinge betwene Chepstowe bridge and the shire of Glouc. as is aforesaid, shalbe vnited ioined and knyt to the hundred of wesebery within the sayde shire of Glocestre, and shall be taken named and knowen to be parte and parcell of the same hundred: and the inhabitauntes therof shalbe attendant and do euery thynge and thynges with the inhabytauntes of the said hūdred of Wesebery, as the inhabitātes of the same hūdred nowe do, accordyng to the lawes of this realme of Englād. And ẏ the sayd lordships of Wollaston, Tidnam, and Becheley, after the said fest of al saintes, shalbe in no wyse priuileged, nor haue no other lybertie franches ne priuilege, but as parcell of the sayde hundred of wesebery in the sayde countie of Gloucestre.

¶ And that the lordships townes parishes cōmotes hundredes and cantredes of Gowerkyluey, bysshops towne, Landaffe, Synghnythe supra, Synghnyth subtus, Miskyn, Ogmore, Glynerotheney, Tallagarne, Ruthien, Tallauan, Landlethyan, Lantwyd, Tyeryall, Iuan, Nethe, Landewey, & the Clays in the sayde countrey of wales and euery of them: and al honours lordshyppes castelles manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, liinge or beinge within the compas or precincte of the sayd lordshyps townes parishes, cōmotes, hundredes, and cantredes, or any of them, in whose possession so euer they be or shall be, and euery parte therof, shall stande and be gildable for euer from and after the sayd feast of all saintes, and shalbe vnited annexed and ioyned to and with the countie of Glamorgan, as a mēbre parte or parcell of the same. And that the sayde shire of Glamorgan & Morgannoke, & al the aforesaid lordships townes parishes cōmotes hundredes and cātredes, vnited & annexed to the sayd countie of Glamorgan, shal from & after the said fest of al saintes, be reputed named accepted & knowen by ẏ name of the shire of Glamorgan onely, and by none other name. And ẏ frō and after the sayd feast of al sayntes iustice shalbe ministred and executed to the kynges subiectes and inhabitauntes of the sayde countie of Glamorgan accordynge to the lawes customes and statutes of this realme of England, and after no welshe lawes: and in suche fourme and facion as iustice is mynistred & vsed to the kynges subiectes within the thre shire of Northwales.

¶ And that the lordshyps townes parishes cōmotes hundredes and cantredes of Lanemthevery, Abermerlese, Kedwely, Eskennynng, Cornwolthon, Newecastell, Emlyn, Abergoylly, in the sayde countrey of Wales and euery of them: and all honours lordeshyps castels manours landes tenementes & hereditamentes, lieng or beinge within the compas or precinct of the sayd lordships townes parishes cōmotes hundredes and cantredes or any of thē, in whose possession so euer they be or shalbe, & euery parte therof, shal stād &

be gildable for euer, from & after the said feest of all saintes: & shalbe united annexed and ioyned to and with the countie of Kaermerthen, as a membre parte or parcel of the same. And that from & after the said feest of all saintes iustice shalbe ministred and executed to the kinges subiectes and inhabitantes of the sayd countie of Kaermerthen, according to the lawes customes & statutes of this realme of England, and after no welshe lawes, and in such forme and facion as iustice is ministred & vsed to the kynges subiectes, within the thre shires of Northwales.

¶ And that the lordships townes parishes commotes hundredes and cantredes of Hanerfordwest, Kilgarran, Kastellan, Laugharne otherwyse called Tellaugherne, walwynscastell, dewys land, Lannehadeyn, Lanfey, Herberth, Slebeyche, Rosemarkette, Castellan, and Kandosloure in the sayd countrey of wales and euery of them, and all honours lordshippes castelles manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, lyinge or beynge within the compas or precincte of the sayd lordshippes townes parishes commotes hundredes and cantredes or any of them, in whose possession so euer they be or shalbe, and euery parte therof, shall stande and be gildable for euer from and after the sayde feast of al sayntes, and shal be united annexed and ioyned to and with the countie of Pembroke. And that from and after the sayd feest of all sainctes, iustice shalbe ministred & executed to ꝑ kinges subiectes & inhabitantes of the sayd countie of Pembroke, according to the lawes customes and statutes of this realme of Englande, and after no welshe lawes: and in suche fourme and facion, as iustice is ministred and vsed to the kynges subiectes within the thre shires of North wales.

¶ And that the lordeshyppes townes parisshes commotes hundredes and cantredes of Tregaron, Genergilyn, Landwy, Ureny in the saide countrey of wales and euery of them, and al honours lordshippes castelles manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, lying or being within the compas or precincte of the sayde lordships townes parishes commotis hundredes & cantredes or any of them, in whose possession so euer they be or shall be, and euery part therof, shal stand and be gyldably for euer from & after the saide feaste of all sayntes, and shalbe united annexed and ioyned to and with the countie of Cardigan, as a membre parte or parcel of the same. And ꝑ from & after the sayde feaste of all sayntes iustice shal be ministred and executed to the kynges subiectes and inhabitantes of the sayd countie of Cardigan, according to the lawes customes and statutes of this realme of Englande, & after no welshe lawes: and in such fourme and facyon as iustice is ministed and vsed to the kynges subiectes within the thre shyres of North wales.

¶ And that the lordship towne and parishes of Wouthway in the sayd countrey of wales, in whose possession so euer it be: and all landes tenementes & hereditamentes nowe lyinge or being within the compas or precincte of the sayde lordeshyppe towne and parysshes of Wouthwey or any of them, in whose possession so euer they be or shall be, and euery parte therof, shal stande and be gildable for euer from & after the sayd feast of al sayntes, and shall be

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vnited annexed and ioyned to and with the countie of Wercester in North wales, as a commote membre part or parcell of the same.

¶ Also be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that all Justices, cõmissioners, shireues, coroners, eschetours, stewardes, and their lieutenantes, and all other officers and ministers of the lawe, shal proclayme and kepe the sessions, courtis, hundredes, letes, shireues courtes, and all other courtes, in the englyshe tonge: and all othes of officers, iuries, and inquestes, and all other affidauithes verdites and wagers of lawe, to be gyué and done in the englyshe tonge. And also that from henceforth no persone or personnes that vse the welshe speche or langage, shall haue or inioy any maner office or fees within the realme of Englande, wales, or other the kynges dominion, vpon peine of forfaytynge the same offices or fees, onles he or they vse and exercise the speche or language of englyshe.

¶ And it is further enacted by the auctoritye aforesayde, that hit shall be lefulle to the shyreffe of euerye of the foresayde shyres of Mommouthe, Wrekenoke, Radnore, Mountgomerye, and Denbighe, and euerye of theym, to putte euery myspruled and suspecte personne within their shyrefwike, vnder common mainprise and suretie of their personall apparaunce, as the shireffes do within euery of the thre shires of North wales. And that the recognisances of such commen mainprise and suertie of apparance, take before any of the sayde shereffes, shalbe as good and effectuall, as if it were taken by any Justice of recorde. And that the shireffe of the countie of Mõmouth, shal certifie such recognisances, common mainprise, or suretie of apparance at euerye quarter sessions, before the Justices of peace of the sayde countie of Mommouth. And that euery person and persons, within the said countie of Mommouth, put vnder commen mainprise, & bound to his personal apparance, shal kepe their personall apparance at the sessions holden within the saide shire of Mommouth, nexte after the clause of Easter, and at the sessions to be holden within the sayd shire nexte after the feast of sayn Wighel tharchangell, vntyll suche tyme that they be therof released after the fourme of the lawe. And that euery of the shireffes of the sayde counties of Wrekenoke, Radnore, Mountgomerey, and Denbygh, and euery of them, shall certifie such recognisances commen mainprise or suretie of apparance by them taken, before suche Justice as shalbe appoynted by our soueraigne lorde the kynge within euery of the said shires, at euery sessions to be holden in any of the sayde shires before the same Justice.

¶ And that euery persone and persones within the said counties of Wrekenoke, Radnore, Mountgomerey, and Denbigh: And also within the aboue named counties of Glamorgan, Kermerden, Pembroke, and Cardigan, or any of them, put vnder commen mainprise, and bounde to his or their personall apparance, as wel by the foresaid shireffes, as by the Justices of any of the said counties: shall kepe their apparances before the sayd Justices at euery sessions within the said counties to be holden in suche lyke maner and fourme, as is vsed in the thre shires of North wales.

¶ And for that ye lordes marchers before this present parliament haue vsed to put theyr tenantes within their lordshipps marchers vnder such common mayntynse and suretie of apparance, and haue had the forfaytures therof: whiche for euer from and after the sayd feast of all sayntes shal vtterly cesse and determine: Therfore be it enacted by the auctorytie aforesayde, that after the said feast of all sayntes, euery lay and temporall person nowe beinge a lorde marcher, shall haue the moytie or halfe of euery forfayture of al and euery common mayntynse, recognisance for the peace, or apparance forfayted by any of their tenantes, inhabytinge within any of their lordeshyppes marchers: and they to be payde the same moytie or halfe by the handes of the shyreffe of euery of the sayde counties, where suche forfaytures shall be, if the shyreffe can leuie the same: and the same shireffe to accompte to oure souerayne lorde the kynge for the other halfe or moytie, in suche eschequire as they be bounde to be accomptant.

¶ Be it further enacted by the auctorytie aforesayde, that immediatly vpon the prorogation or dissolution of this present parlyament, the lorde chauncellour of Englande shal dyrecte the kynges commission vnder his gracis great seale, to suche persons as to hym shall be thought conuenyente, to enquyre and viewe all the sayde shyres of Kermerden, Pembroke, Cardigan, Mommouth, Brekenoke, Radnore, Montgomerey, Glamorgan, & Denbigh, and euery parte and parcell of them: and vpon such viewe and serche, to diuide them & euery of them into so many hundredes, as they shal thynke most meete and conueniente: And the hundredes so diuided, shall retourne and certyfie with the sayde commyssion into the hyghe Courte of Chauncerye before the sayde feaste of all sayntes, and the same to remayne of Recorde, and to be of suche force and effecte, as hit were by acte of parlyamente.
And that the sayde hundredes, after the sayde Certificate, shall be vsed and taken, as other hundredes be in euery other shyre within this realme of Englande.

¶ Furthermore it is enacted by thauctorytie aforesayde, that immedyately after the prorogation or dissolution of this presente parlyamente, the lorde chauncellour of Englande shall dirrecte the kynges commission vnder his gracis great seale, to suche persons as to hym shalbe thoughte conuenient, to enquire and serche out by all wayes and meanes that they canne, all and syngular lawes, vsages, and customes, vsed within the sayd dominion and countrey of wales: and the same shall retourne and certifie to the kynges highnes and his most honourable counsayle before the sayd feast of al saintes nexte commynge: and that vppon delyberate aduise therof hadde and taken, all such lawes, vsages, & customes, as the kynges highnes & his said most honorable counsayle shall thynke expedient requisite and necessarie to be had vsed & exercised in the before rehersed shires or any of them, or in any other shyre of the dominion or countrey of wales, shall stande and be of full strength vertue and effecte, and shall be for euer inuiolably obserued hadde vsed and executed in the same shyres, as if this acte hadde neuer ben had ne made

made: any thynge in the same acte conteyned to the contrarye in any wyse notwithstandynge.

¶ And it is further enacted by thauctoritie aforesayde, that for this presente parlyament, and all other parlyamentes to be holden and kepte for this realme, two knyghtes shall be chosen and elected to the same parlyamente for the shire of Mommouth, and one burges for the borough of Mommouthe, in lyke maner fourme and order, as knyghtes and burgeis of the parliamēt be ellected and chosen in all other shires of this realme of Englande: And that the same knyghtes and bourgeis shal haue lyke dignitie preeminence & priuilege, and shall be allowed suche fees, as other knyghtes and burgeis of the parlyament haue benne allowed: And the knyghtes fees to be leuied perceyued receiued gathered and payd in suche maner fourme and order, as suche fees be gathered leuied perceyued receyued and payde in other shires of this realme of Englande: And the burgeis fees to be leuied as well within the burgh of Mommouth, as within al other ancient burghes within the sayde shire of Mommouth.

¶ And that for this present parlyament, and all other parlyamentes, to be holden and kepte for this realme, one knyghte shal be chosen and elected to the same parlyamentis for euerye of the shyres of Brekenoke, Radnore, Mountgomerey, and Denbygh, and for euery other shire within the sayde countrey or dominion of wales: and for euery borough, being a shire towne within the sayd countrey or dominion of wales, except the shire towne of the aforesaid countie of Mereoneth, one burgeis: And the election to be in lyke maner fourme and order, as knyghtes and burgeis of the parlyamente be elected and chosen in other shyeres of this realme. And that the knyghtes and burgeis and euery of them, shall haue lyke dygnitie preminence and priuilege, and shalbe allowed suche fees as other knyghtes of the parlyament haue and be allowed: And the knightes fees to be leuied and gathered of the cōmons of the shire that they be elected in: and the burgeis fees to be leuied and gathered as well of the boroughes and shire townes as they be burgeis of: as of all other ancient borowes within the same shyre.

¶ And it is further enacted by thauctoritie aforesaide, that al and euery lay and temporall persone and persones nowe beynge lordes marchers, and hauynge any lordships marchers, or lordeships rials, shall from and after the sayde feaste of all sayntes, haue all suche myses and profites of their tenantes, as they haue had or vsed to haue at the fyrst entree into their landes in tymes past: And also shall haue holde and kepe within the precincte of their lordships, courtis baron, Court letis, and lawdayes, and al and euery thing to the same courtes belongynge. And also shall haue within the precincte of their saide lordshyps or lawday, wayfe, straife, Infanthef, outsanthef, treasure troues, deodandes, goodes and cattals of felons, and of persones condemned or outlawed of felony or murder: or put in exigent for felony or murder: & also wreke de mere, wharfage, and customes of straungers, as they haue had in times past, and as though suche priuileges were granted vnto them

them by our ſoueraygne lorde the kynge by poynte of charter: any thynge in this preſent acte to the contrary notwithſtandynge.

Prouided alway, that this preſent acte, nor any thynge therin conteyned ſhall take away or derogate any lawes vſages or lawdable cuſtomes nowe vſed within the three ſhyres of Northewales: Nor ſhall not depriue nor take away the holle lyberties of the Duchie of Lancaſter, but that the ſayd liberties ſhal continue and be vſed in euery lordſhyp parcel of the ſayde Duchye within the dominion or countreye of wales, as the lyberties of the ſayd Duchie be vſed in thyre grounde, and not countie palantyne within this realme of Englande.

Prouided alſo that this act nor any thyng therin conteyned do not extend nor be preiudicial to any perſō or perſons to auoyde any patent, ioynt patent of any office fees annuites or reuertiō of any office fees or annuities to them graunted for terme of their lyfe or liues by our ſoueraygne lorde the kyng, or by any other perſone or perſons, other for the vſyng exerciſing or occupieng of any maner office, or otherwiſe, but that they ſhall haue and enioye theyr ſayde fees, and all other offices of conſtableſhippes, porterſhyppes, ſtewardſhippes of letes, lawe dayes, courte barons, and other offices, beynge not repugnaunte agaynſte this acte: And in caſe any ſuch offices be repugnant agaynſt this act: that then the grauntees to haue and enioy theyr fees, duynge their lyfe or lyues: any article or clauſe in this preſent acte to the contrary in any wiſe not withſtandynge.

Prouided alſo, that this acte nor any thynge therin conteyned, be not in any wyſe preiudiciall to the ryghte honourable Henry erle of worceſter, for the exerciſing vſing & occupieng of the office of the iuſtice of the hole countie of Glamorgan, any thynge in this preſent acte conteyned to the contrarye in any wiſe notwithſtandynge.

Prouided alſo that this acte nor any thynge therin conteyned, extend not to depriue take away or derogate any other actes before this tyme made for the triall of treaſon murder or felonies, or acceſſaries of the ſame, committed and done in any lordeſhip marcher in wales, or in the next ſhires of Englande adioynynge to the ſayde lordſhip marcher.

Prouided alway, that landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, ſprengs in the ſayde countrey and dominion of wales, whiche haue benne vſed tyme out of minde by the lawdable cuſtomes of the ſayde countrey, to be departed and departable amonge iſſues and heires males, ſhall ſtylle ſo continue and be vſed in lyke fourme faction and condition, as if this acte had neuer ben hadde nor made, any thynge in this acte to the contrarye therof not withſtandynge.

Prouided alſo and be it enacted by auctoritie aforeſayd, that the kinges hyghnes, notwithſtandynge this acte, or any thynge therin conteyned, ſhall haue power and auctoritie for the terme of three yeres nexte after the ende & diſſolution of this preſente parlyament, to ſuſpende for ſuche tyme as ſhall pleaſe his grace, or vtterly to repeale reuoke and abrogate this hole acte, or

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any parte therof from tyme to tyme, as shall stande with his most gracious pleasure, so that euery suche suspendyng repeale and reuocation from time to tyme, as often as any suche case shal happen, shalbe made in writinge vnder the greate seale of Englande, and be annexed to the rolle of this present parlyament, wherin this acte shalbe enrolled, and proclamations therupon to be made in euery shere within the said countrey & dominion of wales. And that euery such suspendyng repeale and reuocation so to be hadde and made by the kynges highnes, shall be as good and effectualle to all intentes and purposes, as if the same hadde be doone by auctorite of this presente parlyamente: this acte or any thynge therin contayned to the contrary therof not withstandynge.

¶ And where by this presente acte there is appoynted one Chaunterie and one eschequire at Bekenoke: and an other chancerie and eschequire at Denbigh, it is enacted by auctorite aforesaid, that the kinges highnes from time to tyme within the terme of fyue yeres next after the ende of this parliamēt, for due ministration of iustice in the sayde countrey of wales, shall haue power and auctorite to erect make and ordeyne suche courte or courtes, and so many courtes of recorde, and such and so many iustices ministers officers and clerkes, as by his highnes within the tyme of fyue yeres nexte after the ende of this present parliament shalbe thought sufficient and conuenient, as wel for the dewe execution of this act or of any thinge or thinges that shalbe had done or made by auctorite of the same, as for the good gouernaūce and rule of the sayde contrey of wales.

¶ Prouyded alwaye, that this acte, or any thynge or thynges to be done by auctorite therof, shall not be preiudiciall to any person or personnes, whiche nowe haue by the kynges letters patentes any office or offices of Protonotarye or clerke of the croune in the sayd countrey & dominion of Wales, but that they & euery of them shal and may styl haue and vse theyr offices, in as large and ample maner fourme facion and condition, as if this acte, or any thynge to be doone by auctorite therof had neuer be had nor made: any thing in this acte to the contrary therof not withstandynge.

¶ Prouided also that this act or any thing therin conteined, extend not, or in any wise be preiudicial or hurtful to syr Walter Deuereux knyght of the noble order of the garter, lord Ferrers and of Chartley, of for and concerninge the offices of chiefe Iustice of southe wales, the office of chaumberlaine of Southwales, and of the counties of Carmarden and Cardigan in southe-wales afore sayd: And of and for the office of the Rewardship of the lordship of Bealth in the marches of southwales, & of & for the office of receiuourship of the sayde lordshippe of Bealth: or of for or concernynge any of the sayde offices: but that the sayd lord Ferrers may haue vse exercise & enioy the said offices and euery of them, with all fees wages emoluments commodities & profites to the same offices or to any of them in any wise belongyng and appertaynynge, in as large and ample maner forme and condition, as if this acte had neuer be had nor made.

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¶ An acte establyshinge the courte of augmentations. Capitulo. xxviii.

FOr as moche as in this p̄sent parliament begon at London in the thyrde daye of Nouembre, in the. xxi. yere of the reygne of the kynge our soueraygne lorde, and from thens adiorned vnto westm̄, and there holden, and from that tyme continued by diuerse p̄rogations, vnto the fourth daye of Februarye, in the. xxvii. yere of his moste noble reygne: and therin there holden, it is enacted ordeyned and establyshed, by the assente of the kynges maiestie, his lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this p̄sente parlyamente assembled, & by auctorite of the same, that his maiestye shulde haue and enioye to hym his heires and successours for euer, all and syngular suche monasteries, p̄iories, and other relygious houses, of monkes, chanons, and nunnes, of what kyndes or diuersities of habites rules or ordres so euer they be called or named, whiche haue not in londes tenementes rentes tithes pentions and other hereditamentes aboue the clere yerely value of two hundred poundes: and all the scites and circuites of all suche religious houses, and all and syngular the manours graūges meses landes tenementes reuertions rentes seruices tithes pensions p̄cions aduousons patronages ryghtes entres condicions and other hereditamentes appertey-nynge and belongyng to euery suche monastery p̄iory and other religyous house, not hauinge as is afore sayde landes & tenementes aboue the sayde clere yerely value of two hundered poundes, in as large & ample maner, as the abbottes p̄iours abbesses p̄ioresses and other gouernours of suche monasteries p̄iories and other religious houses then had or ought to haue had the same in the ryght of their houses. And that his hyghnes shall haue to hym and to his heires all and syngular suche monasteries abbeyes and p̄iories, whiche at any tyme within one yere, nexte afore the makinge of the sayd acte, haue ben gyuen and graunted to his maiestie by any abbotte p̄iour abbesse or p̄ioresse, vnder theyr conuente seales, or that otherwyse haue ben suppressed or dissolued: and al and syngular the manours landes tenementes rentes seruices reuertions tythes pencions possions churches chapels aduousons patronages rightes entrees condicions, and all other interestes and hereditamentes, to the same monasteries abbeyes or p̄iories or to any of them appertaynynge or belongynge, to do and vse therwith his and their owne wylles, to the pleasure of almyghty god, and to the honour and profite of this realme.

¶ And further it is ordeyned by the sayd act, that the kynges maiestie shuld haue and enioye all such ornamentes Jewelles goodes cattalles and dettes, whiche appertayned or belonged to any of the chiefe gouernours of the sayd monasteries or religious houses, in the ryght of their sayde monasteryes or houses at the fyrst day of marche, in the yere of our lord god. M. D. XXXV. or at any tyme sythen, where so euer, & to whose possessions so euer they shall

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conie or be founde, excepte suche goodes catelles and other thynges excepted and forprised in the sayde acte, as by the same acte amonge other thynges more playnely at large may appere.

¶ For the more suretie and establyshemente wherof, and to the intent that the kynges maiestie, his heires and successours shalbe yerely as well trewely and iustely answered contented and payd of the rentes fermes issues reuenues and profites rysynge commynge and growynge of the sayd manours landis tenementes and other hereditamentes before specified, as of the good cattelles plate stuffe ofhouseholde dettes money stocke store and other what so euer profite and commoditie gyuen graunted or appointed to the kinges maiestie by the same, in suche courte place fourme maner and condition, as hereafter shall be lymitted declared and appoynted: Be it enacted ordeined and establyshed by thassent of the kynges maiestie, his lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parlyamente assembled, and by auctorite of the same in maner and fourme as hereafter foloweth in articles, That is to say:

¶ Fyrste the kynge our sayde soueraygne lorde, by auctoritie aforesayde ordeyneth maketh establysheth and erecteth a certayne courte, commonlye to be called, The courte of thaugmentations of the reuenues of the kynges corowne, whiche courte, by auctoritie aforesayde continually shalbe a courte of recorde, and shall haue one greate seale and one priue seale to be engraued and made after suche fourme fascion and maner as shalbe appointed by the kynges hyghnes, and shall remayne and be ordered, as hereafter shall be declared.

¶ Also be it enacted by auctorite aforesayde, that there shalbe one certayne person to be named and assigned by the kynges highnes, which shalbe chauncellour of the sayd courte, and shalbe chiefe and principal officer of the same courte, and shalbe called chauncellour of the courte of thaugmentations of the reuenues of the kynges crowne and shall haue the kepynge of the sayde, greate seale and priuie seale, to be assigned for the sayde courte.

¶ Also that there shalbe one personne to be named by the kynges hyghnes, whiche shall be called the kynges Treasourer of the courte of thaugmentations of the reuenues of the kynges corowne, and shalbe the seconde officer of the same courte.

¶ Also it is ordeyned by auctoritie aforesayde, that there shalbe one persone lerned in the lawes of the lande, to be named by the kynges hyghnes, which shalbe called the kynges attourney of the sayde courte, and shalbe the thirde officer of the sanie courte.

¶ Also that there shalbe one personne to be named by the kynges hyghnes, whiche shalbe called the kynges Solicitour of the sayde courte, and shall be the fourth officer of the courte.

¶ Also that there shalbe tenne particular auditours to be named by the kinges hyghnes, whiche shall be called auditours of the reuenues of the sayde augmentations.

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¶ Also there shall be .xviii. particular receyuours, to be named by the kynges hyghnes, whiche shall be called receyuours of the sayde reuennes.

¶ Also that there shalbe one persionne to be named by the kynges hyghnes, whiche shalbe called clerke of the sayde courte: and one other persone, whiche shalbe huisher of the same courte: and one other person, whiche shall be called Messanger of the same courte, whiche huisher and messanger shal be named by the kynges hyghnes, and eyther of them shall haue suche perelye fees rewardes and profites as the huysher and messenger of the douchy chãbre of westmynster haue and perceyue.

¶ Also the sayde chauncellour, whiche shall be appoynted by the kynges hyghnes, shall take a corporall othe afore the lorde chancellour of England for the tyme beinge, after the tenour ensuing: Ye shall sweare, that ye wel & trewely shall serue the kynge in the office of chauncellourshyppe of the augmentations of the reuenues of the kynges crowne, and shall minister equall iustice to ryche and pore, to the best of your cunnynge wittie and power: and that ye shall diligently procure all thynges, whiche maye honestly and iustely be to the kynges aduantage & profite, & to the augmentation of the rightes and prerogatiues of his crowne, and trewely vse the kynges seales appoynted to your office, and also endeuour your selfe to the vttermost of your power to see the kynge trewly answered of all suche rentes reuenues issues and profites, whiche shall or may arise or growe in your office, and from time to tyme delyuer with spede suche as shall haue to do afore you, and that ye shall not take nor receyue of any persone any gyfte or rewarde in any cause or matter dependinge before you, or wherin the kynges highnes shal be partie, whereby any preiudice hinderaunce losse or dishersion shal growe or be to the kynges hyghnes, so helpe you god and all sayntes.

¶ Also that the sayde Tresourer shall take a corporall othe before the sayde chauncellour of the sayde courte, accordynge to the tenour ensuynge: Ye shall sweare that ye shal wel and trewly serue the kynge our souerayne lord and his people in the office of Treasourer of this courte: And ye shall reasonably and honestely procure the kynges profite, and do ryghte to all maner of people poore and ryche, in those thynges whiche touche your office, and the kynges treasure ye shall truely kepe and dispende, and true declaration and accompt therof shall make from tyme to tyme without any concelement accordynge to this acte made for the stablyshement of this court, and further shall do euery thynge that of ryght appertayne to your office, soo helpe you god and all sayntes.

¶ Also eyther of the sayde attourney and Solicitour shall take a corporall othe before the sayde chancellour according to the tenour ensuinge: Ye shall sweare that ye wel & truely shal serue the kyng as his attourney in al courtis for & concernynge any matter or cause, that shal concerne or touch the possessions & hereditamẽtes limitted to the surney and gouernance of this courte, and procure the kynges profite therof, and that ye shall trewely counsell the kyng & his chauncellour of this courte in al thinges concerning the same, to

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the beſt of your cunnynge witte and power: and with al ſpede and diligence from tyme to tyme at the callynge of the ſayd chancellour, ye ſhal endeuour your ſelf for the herynge & determination indifferently of ſuch matters & cauſes, as ſhal depend before the ſayd chancellour: And that ye ſhal not take any gyfte or rewarde in any matter or cauſe dependinge in the ſame courte, or els where, wherin the kynge ſhalbe partie, whereby the kynges mateſtie ſhal be hurted hindred or diſherited: and further do all and euery thyng, that ſhal appertayne to your office, ſo helpe you god and al ſayntes.

¶ Alſo that euery of the ſayde auditours ſhall take a corporall othe before the ſayde chauncellour after the tenour enſuynge: Ye ſhall ſweare that ye ſhall well and trewely ſerue the kynge in your office, and trewe allowaunce make to euery perſonne, whiche ſhall be accomptaunte before you: ye ſhall not take nor receyue of poore or ryche any gyfte or rewarde, in any matter or cauſe dependynge or to be diſcuſſed in the ſame court, but ſuche that ſhall be your ordinarie fees. And ye ſhall do al and euery other thynge, whiche ſhall appertayne to your office, ſo helpe you god and all ſayntes.

¶ Alſo that euery of the ſaid particuler receiuours ſhal take a corporal othe before the ſayd chauncellour after the tenour enſuynge: Ye ſhal ſweare, that ye truly ſhall ſerue the kynge in your office, and nothyng concele, but trewe accompte make of all ſuche reuenues rentes ſommes of money and other profittes, wherwith ye ſhall be laufully charged by reaſon of your office: ye ſhall make no petition nor aſke allowance, but ſuche as ſhal be good iuſte and true and reſonable: And ye ſhall do all and euery thynge and thynges, whiche ye ought to do by reaſon of your office, accordyng to the fourme and effecte of this acte, ſo helpe you god and all ſayntes.

¶ Alſo that the ſaid clerke of the counſell ſhal take a corporal othe before the ſayde chauncellour after the tenour enſewinge: Ye ſhall ſwere, that ye ſhall well and truely ſerue the kynge in your office of clerke of the counſell of this courte, and truely do and execute all and euery thyng and thynges, which ye ought to do by reaſon of your office, accordynge to the fourme and effecte of this acte, ſo helpe you god and al ſainctes.

¶ Alſo be it enacted by auctorytie afore ſayde, that all the ſayd monaſteries priories and other religious houſes, whiche be diſſolued and come, or ſhall come to the kynges hyghnes by the acte aforeſayd, and al the manours meſes landes tenementes rentes ſeruices tithes pencions portions aduouſons patronages and all hereditamentes appertaynyng or belongyng to any the ſayde monaſteries priories or other religious houſes, ſhalbe in the order ſuruey and gouernaunce of ꝑ ſaid court, and of the officers and miniſters therof: and al the fermes iſſues reuenues and profittes comynge & growynge of the premiſſes or any parte therof, ſhall be taken and receyued to the kynges vſe by the miniſters and officers of the ſame courte, in maner and forme as hereafter ſhall be declared. Excepte alwayes and reſerued ſuche and as many of the ſame monaſteries priories and houſes, with all theyr hereditamentes poſſeſſions goodes and catalles, whiche the kynges mateſtie, by his letters

patentes vnder his greate seale, shall declare and lymitte to continue and be in their essential estate, and to persever in the body and corporation, as they were before the makynge of the sayde acte.

¶ Also be it enacted by auctorite aforesayde, that al those manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, which the kinges highnes hath purchased & nowe remayn in his graces handes, or in the handes or possession of any person or psons to his vse, and whiche hereafter his highnes shal purchase, shal be & remain in the order surueye & gouernāce of the sayd court, in forme as is aboue rehersed. ¶ Also be it enacted by auctorite aforesaid, ỳ al giftis, grauntes, releses, confirmations, leses, letters patentes, and other writinges, whiche shalbe in the name of ỳ kynges highnes, his heires or successours of any estate of freehold only, or any for terme of yeres, or at will or at pleasure, of any manours landes tenementes or other hereditamentes, what so euer they be, whiche be before assigned to the order surueye & gouernance of the said court, or of any rent charges, annuities, nexte aduoydaunce of aduousons, offices, or wardes, to be gyuen letten or granted out of the same or any part therof, or by any meanes concerninge the saide court, or any of the premisses cōmitted to the surueye of the sayde courte, to any person or persons or bodies politike, or of any office apperteyninge or belongynge to the sayd courte of Augmentation, shalbe made by the clerke of the sayde courte, or his deputie or deputies, and subscribed with his own proper hande and name, & sealed with the great seale, assigned to and for the sayde courte. And that all and euery suche gyftes grauntes releases confirmations, leases, letters patentes, and other writinges, whiche shall be made and sealed as is aforesayde, shall be good and effectuall in the lawe without ayuerey and seasone or attournemente agaynst the kynges hyghnes, his heires and successours, accordyng to the tenours purportes and effectes of suche gyftes grauntes releases confyrmations leases, letters patentes, or other wrytinges so to be made. And that the sayd Chauncellour vppon euery warraunt to be directed to hym vnder the kynges sygne manuell, shall haue power and auctorite to cause to be made by the sayd clerke of the sayde court, or his deputie or deputies in due order and fourme all suche gyftes, grauntes, releases, confirmations, leases, letters patentes, or other writinges as is aforesayde, accordynge to the tenour and effecte of euery suche warraunte, whiche to hym shall be dyrected, and to seale all suche patentes and writinges with the sayd greatte seale remaynynge in his custody: the sayde chauncellour and other officers to take for his and their fees, for the ensealynge and writing of euery patente suche fee or fees as is taken by the Chauncellour or other officer of officers of the kynges duchie of Lancastre, in lyke case. And that the sayde Chauncellour shall haue power and auctorite to take surrender of any leases or letters patentes that shall be made vnder the sayde seale in his custody, and to make cancellation of suche leases and letters patentes, that shall be to hym surrendred, and cause the daye tyme and yere of euery suche surrender to be registred and enrolled by the sayde clerke of the sayde courte.

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¶ Also the said chauncellour by the consent of the Tresouter atturney and Solicitour, or two of them, without any warrant from the kinges highnes, shall haue power and auctorite to make any woodsales in or vpon any the manours landis tenementes, or hereditamentis, limitted to the order survey and gouernance of the said courte. And shall also haue lyke power and auctorite in the kynges name to make lesses for termes of .xxi. yeres . and not aboue, by letter patentes, to be writen by the said clerke of the same courte and his deputie or deputies, and the name of the said clerke to be subscribed as is aforesaid, and to be sealed with the saide great seale, of any of the manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes afore mencioned, which be appointed, or hereafter shal happen to be in the order and gouernāce of the said courte, the said chauncellour and other officer or officers, takynge for his or their fees therof, as is aforesaid: And that euery leasse so to be made, shalbe good & effectual in the law ageinst the king his heires & successors, accordig to the tenor and effect of the same. Prouided alwey, ỳ vpon euery such lease to be made by the said chācellour, there shalbe reserued to the kiges highnes & to his heires so moch yerely rent & profit, as the landes tenītis or hereditamentis cōprised in such leses, haue ben letten heretofore or more, or after suche yerely value as they shalbe certified by the kinges cōmissioners into the said court. Prouided also that no leses for terme of yeres shall be made of any reuersion, without the kynges special warrant for the same.

¶ Also the sayd clerke of the said courte shall enrol & regestre in a gret boke in parchement all and euery those giftes grātes releases cōfirmations leases letters patentes and all other writinges, whiche shalbe made and graunted vnder the said great seale: and also the daye tyme and yere of the surrender of any of them, whan any suche surrender shall happen, whiche regester of enrollementes, shall remayne and be safely kepte in the said court, as a recorde to the kynges vse, by the appointment of the sayd chauncellour. And that also the said clerke shall enter in a boke the apparances of euery person that shall be called to appere before the said chauncellour: and all actes decrees and orders, that shalbe made by the said Chancellour & counsaile, takyng such fees for the same, & for writing and enrolling of any giftes grantes releases confirmations leses letters patentes or other writynges, as the clerke of the duchie of Lancastre hath ben accustomed to take and haue.

¶ Also it is enacted by auctorite aforesaid, that vpon all and synguler letters patentes to be made vnder the great seale of England, of any manours landes tenites and hereditamētes, belonging or appertaynyng to any of the said houses, comprised in the sayd act, and comitted to the survey of the said court, to any person or persons or body politike for any estate of enheritāce, there shalbe alweys reserued to the kynges hyghnes his heires and successours a tenure by knyghtes seruyce in Capite, and a yerely rent of the .x. part of the yerely value of the landes to be comprised in euery suche letters patētes, according to suche rate, as the same manours landes and tenementes gruen, shall be expressed to be of yerely value in the same letters patentes:

Any thynge or clause conteyned in any warrant to the contrarye therof not withstandyng. And that the sayd rent so reserued vpon any such estate, shall be contented and payde to the officers of the sayde courte to the kynges vse, accordyng as other reuenues there shal be payd. And that none auerrement shall be made or admitted by or for the kynge or any other persone, that the same manours landes and tenementes be of more yerelye value than in the same letters patentes shall be declared.

¶ Also the sayd chauncellour shall haue power and auctoritie to take reconysances of euery partycular receyuour, which shal be assigned for the said courte and of his sureties, for the sure paymente of his resceytes. And also to take reconysaunces in the kynges name of euery fermer bailyffe reue or other accomptantes, for the true payment of receytes: and of euery persone and persones, whiche shall be endetted to the kynges highnes for any arrerages of his rescepte ferme or charge, as for any other cause for and concernynge any of the premisses. And that all suche reconisances, of what sume so euer they be, shall be as good and effectualle in the lawe, to all intentes and purposes, as reconisaunces taken in the kynges Chauncery, or elles where before any Judge of Recorde.

¶ Also it is ordeyned by auctoritie aforesayde, that the Chauncellour of the same courte for the tyme beinge, shall haue full power and auctoritie to awarde writtes of Scire fac. vnder the great seale of his office vppon euery suche reconisances in the sayde courte to be taken, if case soo requyre, and to holde plee vpon the same, and to awarde execution to all intentes and purposes, as is vsed and accustomed to be done in the kynges hyghe courte of chauncerye. Prouided alway, that if any issue of triall, triable by the verdit of. xii. men fortune to aryse in the pledynge of the same, that then in euerye suche case the sayde chauncellour shall and maye delyuer the recorde therof to the Justyces of the kynges benche, for tyme beinge, and theruppon the sayde courte of the kynges benche to doo euery thynge for the triall of the same issue, as they ought to do, in case the sayd issue or triall had ben sent or delyuered to them out of the kynges courte of chauncery. And after the triall therof in due fourme had, and the iugement therupon gyuen, the iustices of the kynges benche to haue power to awarde execution accordyngely: and the money therof cōming to be delyuered by the same Justices or clerke of the papers of the same courte to the tresourer of the said courte of Augmentations to the kynges vse.

¶ Also that the sayde Chauncellour for the tyme beinge, shall haue full power and auctoritie to awarde vnder the priuie seale, appoynted to the sayde courte, in the kynges name, suche proceſſe and preceptes with reasonable peynes to be therin ympytted, as be nowe commonly vsed in the courte of the kynges duchie chambre of Lancaster beinge at westm. agaynste euerye person or persones, what soo euer they be, for and concernynge the interesse tyghte and tytle of the kynges maiestie, his heires and successours of in or to any of the premisses, ymitted to the suruey and gouernaunce of the sayd

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courte: or of or for any rente accompte receite or seruices in any wyse towchinge or concerninge the same premisses or any parte of theym, for and on the behalfe of our sayde soueraygne lorde the kynge, or of or for any dette risynge or growynge by occasion of the same. ¶Also it is ordeyned by the auctoritie aforesayde, that the sayde Attourney and Solycitour, shal diligently from tyme to time attende vppon the chauncellour in the sayd courte, for the herynge and ordering of matters and causes in the sayd courte: and procure with all dilygence, that all rentes fermes profytes casualties emprowmentes, and all other emolumentes of the manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, beinge in the survey and gouernance of the sayde courte, shall be truely and iustely payde and answered to the treasorer of the sayde court, to the vse of the kynges highnes, without concelyng any part therof. And shal also cause and procure processe to be made agaynst suche as shalbe indetted to the kynges highnes, and their sureties of and for any parte therof from tyme to tyme, as the time or case shall require.

¶Also it is enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that if any of the sayde officers appoynted for the same court, do concele or withdrawe wyllingly any rentis reuenues casualties or other goodes gyuen to the kynge by the sayde acte: that then the officer so offendynge, shal lose the double value of the thyng so conceled or withdrawe.

¶And it is ordeyned and enacted by auctoritie afore sayd, that euery of the sayd particuler auditours and receyuours shalbe attendant vpon the sayde chauncellour from tyme to time as causes shall require. And that euerye of the sayde particular receyuours shal well diligently and effectuallye gather and leuy to the kynges vse, all suche fermes issues and profites, as shall be limitted to his charge, and distreyn for the same, if nede so require. And that euery of the sayde particular receyuours and auditours, so ioyned together by thappoyntement of the sayde chauncellour shal well and truely survey al maner of reparations nedeful to be done in or vpon any of the sayde manors landes tenementes or hereditamentes ymitted to his charge, and appoynt the sayd reparations to be done to the kynges most profite and least charge. And also to survey the woodes ymitted to their charge, and what woodsales shall be conuenient to be made, and make Certificate of the premisses from tyme to tyme to the sayde chauncellour.

¶Also it is ordeyned by auctoritie aforesayde, that all the rentes fermes issues and profites of the sayde religious houses manours landes tenementes, and of all other the premisses, whiche be assigned to the order survey and gouernance of the sayde courte, as they shal growe due and be payable, shal be payed and delyuered to the handes of the sayde Treasourer by euerye of the sayde particular receyuours to be saufely kepte to the kynges vse: And that euery acquittance, whiche shalbe subscribed with the name and hande of the sayde Treasourer, made to any of the sayde particular receyuours, or to any person or persons, wherby shall appere that the sayde Treasourer shall haue receyued of any of the sayde particuler receyuours, or other persone or

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perſonnes, any of the fermes rentes iſſues and profites in the charge of the ſayde particuler receyuours, or for any dette that ſhall be due to the kynges, hyghnes by occaſion of the premiſſes or any part therof: or for any ſommes of money, whiche the ſayde treaſorer ſhall haue power to receyue to the kynges vſe by reaſon of his office: and all other acquittaunces made by any of the ſayde particuler receyuours to any what ſo euer perſon for the receyte of any thynge touchyng the premiſſes appoynted to his or theyr charge, ſhalbe a good and effectuall diſcharge for euery of the ſayde particuler receyuours and other what ſo euer perſonnes aforeſayde, agaynſt the kynges hyghnes his heires and ſucceſſours for euer.

¶ Alſo it is ordeyned, that the ſayde treaſorer ſhall yerely accompte before the ſayde Chauncellour and ſuche two or mo of the ſayde auditours, as the ſayde Chauncellour ſhall appoynte. And that euery of the ſayde particular receyuours ſhall yerely accompte before one of the ſayde tenne auditours to be aſſigned to hym by the ſayde chauncellour. And that euery of the ſayd particuler receyuours for the yere to be ended at the feaſt of ſaint Michael tharchangel, ſhal make & finiſhe his accompt before the. xx. day of March nexte after the ſame feaſt enſewing. And that the ſayde treaſourer ſhall yerely finiſhe his accompte before the laſt day of Aprill nexte after that folowynge.

¶ Alſo it is enacted by auctorite aforeſayd, that the ſayd chancellour by the conſent of the ſayde treaſorer attourney and Solicitour, or two of them ſhal deuyde to euery particuler receyuour ſuche portion as euery of them ſhal receyue of the ſayd religious houſes manours landes tenementes and other hereditamentes aforeſayde, and ſhal alſo proportion the ſayd religious houſes & other the premiſſes in ten partes: & ſhal aſſigne to euery part therof one of the ſayd ten auditours. And that euery of the ſayd ten auditours, as they ſhalbe aſſigned, ſhal yerely ride to the part to him to be limitted betwene the feſt of ſaint Myghel tharchãgel & Chriſtmas, and take the accomptes of all baliffes reues fermers tenantes and occupiers of the manours landes tenementes and other hereditamentes within the limittes of his aſſygnemente.

¶ Alſo it is enacted by auctorite aforeſayd, that the ſaid auditours & particular receyuours at al tymes, vpon warnynge gyuen to thẽ by the ſayd chancellour, ſhall aſſemble to gether, as well for the ordeynge of the ſaid religious houſes manours landes tenementes and other the premiſſes, as of the tenauntes of the ſame from tyme to tyme as the caſe ſhall require, as for the viewynge and determination of the ſayde accomptes to be made therof.

¶ Alſo it is ordeyned by auctorite aforeſayde, that all the accomptes of euery yere, to be ended at the feaſte of ſaynte Myghel tharchaungell, as well of the ſayde particular receyuours baylyffes reues fermers tenauntes and occupiers of the ſayde houſes manours londes tenementes and other hereditamentes aforeſayde, as of the ſayd treaſorer ſhalbe wel & perfetly ingroſſed in parchemente by the ſayd auditours, and delyuered to the ſaid chancellour, ſafelye to be kepte to the kynges vſe euery yere yerely before the fyrſte daye of Maye nexte enſewynge the ſaide feaſt of ſaint Myghel tharchangel,

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¶Also it is enacted by the auctorite aforsaid, that the auditours & other officers & ministers of the sayd courte, for the tyme being, shal perely perceiue and take by the handes of the sayd Treasorer, particular recepuours, and al other officers and ministers accomptant, al and syngular suche lyke diettes rewardes profites and commodities, as well for their attendance vpon the sayde chauncellour for the tyme beinge, and for makynge of bokes declarations and values, as for other matters and causes of for or concernynge the sayde courte: and also for therpences costes and charges of the sayde audytours and particular recepuours, and euery of them, perely riding their seuerall circuites and symmitations, in as large and ample maner and forme, as the kynges auditours of his duchie of Lancaster and other officers and ministers there, do perely perceiue receiue take and be allowed in for and aboute any suche lyke matters causes and busines. And that the sayde auditours for the tyme beinge and euery of them, shall haue power and auctorite to allowe the same.

¶Also it is ordeyned by auctorite aforesayd, that al reparations and buildynges, which shalbe done from tyme to tyme in or vpon any the premisses, shalbe done and made by the order and commaundement of the sayd chauncellour, by the consent of the sayd treasorer attourney and Solicitour or two of them. And that the sayd Treasorer from tyme to tyme vpon his accompt shalbe allowed, as well of suche fee as shalbe limitted vnto him for exercise of his office, as of and for all suche summes of money as he shall pay to any patentee or patenters of any office fee or annuite, that shalbe granted or giuen vnder the seale of the sayd courte: And also of al such sommes of money as he shal pay to any other person or persõs by vertue of the kinges warrãt or byll assigned: And also suche summes of money, as he shalbe commaunded to pay by any byll assigned and subscribed with the handes of the sayde chauncellour attourney and Solycitour or two of them, vpon such considerations, as shall be thought conuenient by theyr discretions. And that the saide auditours, takynge the accomptes of the sayd Treasourer, or of any of the sayd particular recepuours, shall haue power and auctorite to allow to the Treasourer the premisses and euery part therof, and also to allowe to euery particular receiuour and other accomptantes, as wel their fees & wages, and al other such sũmes of money, as they or any of them shal pay for in and about any buyldinges or reparations, as al other honest and resonable petitions and allowaunces, in as large and ample maner, and after suche forme faction and condition, as the kynges auditours of his duchie of Lancaster do may do and haue be accustomed to do without any byll or warrant to be sued for the same.

¶Also it is enacted by auctorite aforesayde, that all maner of p[illegible]oces that shalbe made out of the kynges escheker to or against any person or persons for any fermes rentes issues or profittes, concernynge the premisses or any part therof, limitted by this act to be in the suruey order & gouernance of the

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sayde court and the ministers thereof shalbe clerely boyd and of none effecte.

¶ Also it is ordeyned and enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that the said Chancellour & treasorer shal perely declare to the kynges highnes the state of the clere perely value of the sayd houses, manours, landes, tenementes, rentes, pencions, portions, tithes, and other hereditamentes, and howe where and to whome they be employed, and what remaynethe therof in the handes of the sayde Treasourer.

¶ Prouided alwey and be it enacted by thauctoritie aforesaydde, that al such manours messuages landes tenementes rentes reuertions and other hereditamentes, whiche in any maner wise shal come to or be in the handes or possession of our sayd souerayne lord the kyng, his heires or successours by auctoritie of the sayd former acte of parlyamente, set lyenge and beinge as well within the countie palantine of Lancaster, as all other manours landes tenementes rentes reuertions and hereditamentes, with their commodities & appurtenances, set lyeng and being within this realme of England, wales, or eyther of them, out of the sayde countie palantine, whiche be or were appertenynge or belongynge vnto the saide monasteries or any of them, whiche were of the foundation of oure sayde souerayngne lorde, or of any of his right noble progenitours, as duke or dukes of Lancaster, maye at the free will lybertie and pleasure of our sayde souerayngne lorde be assigned kympted and appoynted vnto the order surveynge receyte lettynge and setting of the Chauncellour and officers of his saide Duchy of Lancaster, in as large and ample maner and fourme, as the saide chauncellour and officers of the said duchie haue vse and exercise at this present tyme of or vppon and in any manours, landes, tenementes, hereditamentes, appertenynge or in any wise belongynge vnto the sayd duchie: This acte or any thyng therin conteined to the contrary not withstandynge.

GOD SAVE THE KYNGE.